

**Juniors Playing Adults
(including transportation to other venues)**

Consent for junior members playing adults

At Crescent Tennis Club we recognise that there are some juniors who develop their game to standard whereby they can hit or compete with adults both at our venue and from other clubs' venues. As a Club we are keen to encourage this development of our junior members.

At the same time the Club has responsibilities for junior members and vulnerable adults and these need to be taken into consideration when juniors wish to play competitively with adults.

It is the Club's policy that only junior members aged 13 -17 and on the recommendation of the clubs captains or lead coach may play an adult.

With that in mind, the Club has adapted the LTA consent and emergency contact form into a form that can be used solely for those Juniors who play, practise or compete with our senior teams or adults generally.

We would ask that all parents whose children have been nominated to play an adult (by the club's coach or club captains) to complete this consent form and return it to the club captain, **if they have not given consent on their membership application form.**

For clarity this form should be completed if your child is playing for the club in *league/county matches with adults, entering adult categories of competitions or events at our venue and social play. The form given at the bottom of this policy.*

Junior members travelling to other venues

A further area that we would draw parents/guardians and team captains is when junior members are selected to play in league matches or other events that require them to travel.

We ask that parents/carers are responsible for transporting their children to or from tennis venues and events. It is reasonable to place responsibility on parents for ensuring appropriate transport arrangements are made.

Sometimes it may be necessary for the club to transport a number of children for team based events or activities, such as league away fixtures. In such a situation, the event organisers should ensure that:

- Parents are informed of the destination, reason for the journey and who the driver will be

- Parents complete, sign and return a Consent Form. The supervisors should have a copy of this with them at all times.
- There are two adults in the car.
- Children are seated in the back of the vehicle at all times.
- There is an established procedure in the event of a breakdown/emergency .
- The driver has a valid UK driving licence, satisfactory DBS check (if applicable), correct insurance, MOT certificate and complies with laws on the use of seatbelts and restraints
- Rest breaks are taken every two hours of driving.
- If transporting children in a minibus or bus, the driver must also have the correct type of licence.

We would also expect club and or team captains to notify the Club Welfare Officer that a junior is selected to play in a team prior to the fixture.

Further details of our and your responsibilities and how we will meet them are given in detail in our safeguarding/welfare policies which can be found either in the clubhouse notice boards or on our website [here](#).

We also suggest that all parents/guardians and their children are familiar with our **Welfare Officer Sophie Wintle** should they have any questions or concerns

Please complete the consent form and return it to the club captains (Tony Garrett, Sharon Hayes or head coach Katy Taylor.

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CONSENT AND EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

To be completed by the parent/carer of children aged under 18 who wish to participate in senior team practices, matches, or other senior events. Where the term parent/carer is used, this refers to the adult that has legal responsibility for this child.

Details on this form will be held securely and will only be shared with team captains, coaches or with other Club representatives who need this information in order to meet the specific needs of your child and to ensure they can enjoy this activity safely. The Club will keep this information safe for as long as your child is an active member of the club and/or aged under 18.

Consent to play with adults

I consent to my child playing with adults in league/county matches, adult categories of venue events; including club championships, box leagues, social play and other events run by the club.

I understand that it is my responsibility for transporting my child to or from tennis venues and events. On those occasions that my child is being taken by the club to venues having read the procedure for this and the club's policies I consent to those arrangements.

Name of your child

Signature of parent/carer

Name of parent/carer

Date

A copy of this form may be given to a club/team captain(s), coach(s) or a responsible adult at a venue and who may need to contact you in an emergency - please provide us with a contact.

Emergency contact(s)

Please note on your membership application form you may have already given the club consent to obtain any urgent treatment for your child which may be required whilst at a tennis activity, competition or event, if this is no longer the case please

advise the club in writing as soon as possible
 (memberships@crescenttennisclub.co.uk or chairman@crescenttennisclub.co.uk)

In the event of an emergency the Club will make attempts to contact the primary parent or carer and an optional second contact may be provided.

Primary parent or carer contact details

This person will also be used as the emergency contact

Name of parent/carers	
Name of child (under 18)	
Relationship with child	
Address	
Contact details	Mobile
	Home number
	Email

Secondary parent or carer contact details

This person will also be used as the emergency contact

Name of parent/carers	
Name of child (under 18)	
Relationship with child	
Address	
Contact details	Mobile
	Home number
	Email

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