West Ilsley Tennis Club – Safety and Risk Guidance

This guidance sets out simple safety advice for all members, visitors and users of the West Ilsley Tennis Court. It is intended to help reduce risk and make sure everyone can enjoy the court safely.

Important Note on Risk

- Tennis, like all sports, carries a risk of injury. All users take part at their own risk.
- Please assess your own fitness and ability before playing.
- You are responsible for checking the court and surroundings are safe before use.
- If in doubt – do not play and contact the committee.
- Check that the weather and surface conditions are suitable for play – the club does not monitor or close the court in bad weather.
- By using the court, you agree to follow this guidance and take reasonable care.
- Use of the court implies acceptance of this guidance and the club's Code of Conduct.
- West Ilsley Tennis Club and the West Ilsley Tennis Club Management Committee does not accept liability for personal injury, loss or damage to property, except where required by law.

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1. General Responsibility

- All users are responsible for their own safety and for the safety of others on court.
- If you see any damage, hazards or unsafe behaviour, please report it promptly to the committee: tennis@westilsley.org

2. Condition of the Court

- The court is regularly maintained, but weather and usage can cause wear or debris.
- Before playing, check for anything that could cause a slip or trip (e.g. wet leaves, loose stones).

- If you notice any damage, surface issues or are unsure, do not play and inform the committee.
- There may be netball posts stored in the corners of the court. Please take care around these areas. Please do not move these posts unless you are playing or practicing netball.

3. Net and Equipment Safety

- Do not use the court if you believe anything may pose a risk to players.
- Please report any damage or equipment that appears unsafe to the committee.

4. Footwear and Clothing

- Suitable tennis shoes with non-marking soles must be worn.
- Dress appropriately for weather and activity.

5. Supervision of Children

- Children under 13 must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times. This helps ensure their safety while using the court.

6. Access and Security

- Unauthorised access is strictly prohibited.
- The court should only be used for tennis and netball by those who understand how to use it safely.
- Please close and lock the gate after play, leaving the court secure to help prevent accidental damage or inappropriate use.

7. Emergencies

- In the event of an injury or emergency, call 999.
- If possible, alert someone nearby to help.
- Report all incidents to the committee as soon as possible.

Contact:

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: tennis@westilsley.org

Thank you for helping keep the court safe for all users.