

Friends of Hillside Gardens Park Tennis Policy

1. The Friends of Hillside Gardens and Palace Road Nature Garden believe that the tennis courts are one of the most important facilities in Hillside Gardens Park and we welcome all efforts to make sure that they are used by a wide range of park users. We are grateful to the efforts of the local tennis coaches who provide a valuable service and help support an active community of park users.
2. Tennis coaching in Lambeth Parks is managed by Lambeth Council through the Lambeth Tennis Network. All child protection issues and coaching qualifications are dealt with by Lambeth through this network.
3. Anyone coaching in the park should register with the network as either;
 - a) a Programme coach, meaning they intend to run a variety of coaching sessions which looks to engage with groups of people. They should commit time to supporting community initiatives in the park where they offer their time for free.
 - b) a non programme coach, meaning that they will run coaching sessions on the courts with their own clients - but generally not offer sessions looking to engage the wider community.
4. Coaches are also categorized as Lead Coaches or Assistant Coaches - assistant coaches must be supervised by Lead Coaches.
5. The Friends group welcome tennis coaches wanting to work with us to promote existing coaching activities and to develop one off and ongoing programmes, for example providing coaching activities during our Sports Day.
6. Coaches wishing to work with the Friends should have the appropriate registration with the Lambeth Tennis Network and provide evidence of that registration to the Friends.
7. If tennis coaches are applying for funding where they intend to name the Friends group within the application they should notify the Friends group before submitting the application, in order to agree what involvement the Friends will have and confirm that the activities proposed are in line with their registration with the Lambeth Tennis Network.