

COMPETITION WELCOME SPEECH 2022

WELCOME PLAYERS AND PARENTS TO THE COMPETITION OR TOURNAMENT

- Introduce yourself and your team of helpers.
- Check all the players have signed in.
- Make sure players and parents know the scoring format, draw format and the timetable for the day.
- Run through some of the logistics: Where the toilets are, what to do in an emergency.
- Remind everyone of the key safeguarding points –
 - Who the welfare officer is for the event, with reference to where the information is held, whether it is on the clubs noticeboard or a bespoke display set up for the tournament,
 - Remind parents/carers about their responsibility to supervise their children, especially those under the age of 13.
 - Highlight importance of safeguarding - Say Something if you See Something - 'notice the niggles' - anything, big or small etc. There should also be a reminder about the LTA Safeguarding Teams report a concern web link.
- Asking parents to respect juniors play/decisions and let them play and enjoy the tournament explaining the role of the referee.
- When playing your matches, please remember the 'Fair Play' values of enjoyment and respect so that you all have a good competition experience.
- Please call the score loudly after each point and call lines fairly - if you do have any problems, please raise your rackets.
- Remind players to return the balls, tell you the score at the end of their match and ask about when they are next playing.
- Explain if there will be a presentation at the end
 - Chance to mention the photography policy.
- It's about everybody having fun!