

## **IVTC Childrens' Policy**

### **IVTC is composed of adult members**

The nature of our open bar and the best interest of the Club are best understood to involve a need to provide tennis and ancillary services to our adult members.

### **IVTC is a small Club with recognition that adults have progeny**

Even though the membership of the Club is composed of adults, we certainly recognize and have recognized that adults are often parents and sometimes grandparents. Club members are interested in meeting new babies and older children of the members. In those roles as parents and grandparents, members are interested to impart to their children and grandchildren some of the excitement and enjoyment of the sport of tennis. The Club historically has recognized that this is the case and has been accepting of this as it relates to the use of the courts at quiet times when there is an absence of court pressure.

### **IVTC has no youth programs and does not intend to have same**

IVTC has not provided children's programs with the exception of the occasional Children's Day Program. There is no expectation that there will be a change to this policy.

### **Continuation of past practice as to use of courts by members and grandchildren under circumstances of absence of court pressure**

During the administration of the past president (2015 – James Harvey), subject to Board review, and consistent with past practice, such use of the courts by children with parents or grandparents or other consenting members will continue to be permissible. Such use should be recognized to be occasional, and the adult member/parent should be sensitive to the desires of paying members of the club to be able to play on the courts. This could mean, hypothetically, that a parent and child are hitting together initially and later three adult members arrive with no expectation that a 4<sup>th</sup> will be available to play. In such a situation, the adult member/parent would appropriately recognize that the paying members of the Club would appreciate the opportunity to include the adult member/parent, and he/she would bring a resolution to the play with the child. This has secondary consequences in that it may be appropriate to bring books, puzzles, or a tablet which will provide quiet amusement for the child.

### **Child presence at the Club requires parental or other adult supervision**

In the context of a child's visit to the Club, it must be recognized that the child is under the parent's supervision or another adult's supervision during his/her visit to the Club.

### **Well-behaved children at a social event enhance our members' enjoyment of the Club**

Some of our members enjoy sharing dinner events with their children. This can be a positive experience for the parents, children, and other members if the children are well-behaved. It can be the converse if the children do not fit the category described. Again, it is important for the parent member to be mindful of the adult nature of the club, and weigh the decision to bring a child to a social event based upon expectations of appropriate conduct.