



Code of Conduct for Players

Table Tennis England expects that everyone involved with table tennis will: respect the rights, dignity and worth of anyone they meet within our sport; treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation; accept it is all of our responsibility to challenge any injustice that may occur within our sport; accept that everyone has the right to be protected from abuse.

- Always do your best in every situation and set a positive example to others.
- Be punctual at all times for training and competition and be ready at the table to play.
- Treat both the competition and training venues with respect and always leave kit bags neatly where they will not cause an obstruction to others.
- At a competition no player should leave the venue unless given specific permission by one of the officials.
- Players should be responsible for ensuring that they arrive at competitions or training venues with all their correct kit and equipment and must be responsible for their belongings.
- No player should take or in anyway interfere with another person's property or belongings.
- Always obey any instructions given by a responsible adult, official or coach.
- Be courteous, polite and respect all the people you meet, particularly your opponents, practice partners, coaches and fellow team and squad members. This also includes negative body language whilst on the table tennis table.
- Take responsibility for yourself in and out of competition and training and always be aware of your personal safety i.e. do not talk to strangers, do not get into a vehicle with a stranger.
- Always encourage and support your fellow team members at all times without behaving in an unsporting manner towards their opponents.
- Bullying (verbal and physical) of fellow team/squad members or opponents will not be tolerated under any circumstances this includes use of social media and texting.
- Never use inappropriate language.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances.
- Treat all accommodation with respect and always leave hotel rooms tidy.
- When travelling abroad all players must respect the culture and customs of the country they are visiting.

- Always address officials or coaches at any competitions or training camps with respect and never question their judgement.
- Abide by the Table Tennis England's Anti Corruption regulations (available on the Table Tennis England website)

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