

Mansfield Junior Badminton Club

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS, PARENTS & PLAYERS

Code of Conduct

1. The Coaches will:

- be responsible for who is invited to the Club.
- organise all the training.
- advise players on whether they are entering the right amount and level of competitions
- make the selection of the team from the players available for all Club fixtures
- however only select players that attend training or if not attending are playing tournaments
- if unavailable to attend Club fixtures, advise the manager appointed of the players ranking and the partnerships that should be made
- decide from time to time to ask players to train up or down an age group.

2. The Administrators will:

- assist the coaches in the running of the Club and its activities.
- be invited onto the committee
- not disclose player's details or e-mail address due to Child Protection issues.
- remain unpaid volunteers unless reimbursed volunteer expenses decided by the committee

3. The Parents:

- are requested to ensure that players attend training as invited.
- should advise the administrators as early as possible of player's availability when advised of selection for a fixture.
- should ensure that the Club shirts are worn at fixtures.
- should ensure that players always have a food/drink available during a fixture.
- should ensure that players arrive at fixtures at the advised venue and time. The Club can organise transportation to fixtures if appropriate and subject to availability.
- should stay a reasonable distance away from the playing area during matches.
- are encouraged to make positive comments on play.
- are discouraged from making comments about poor play or mistakes made by any players.
- must not question decisions made by players or officials
- must not become involved in arguments with the players or officials. Persistent breaches of this request will be reported to the committee and may result in your child losing their place in the Club.
- direct towards the coaches in the first instance all questions regarding training or matches
- should advise the coaches of any injuries, knocks, illness or conditions
- should encourage their child/children to abide by the players code of conduct
- are requested to leave all training matters and selection to the coaches.

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4. The players:

As a member of the *CLUB*, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- All members must play within the rules and laws of the game and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Members should keep to the agreed timings for training sessions and competitions or inform their coach or appropriate official if they are going to be late.
- Members should, if selected for a competition or match and is required to withdraw, inform their coach or appropriate official immediately.
- Members must wear suitable badminton sports clothing for club sessions and competitions, as agreed with the coach or officials of the club.
- Members must pay any fees for training and events promptly or by the due date.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club. (Junior members who are required to take prescribed medicine must discuss this with the Child Welfare Officer.)
- **All members must not use any foul, abusive, aggressive, offensive, insulting, violent language or show behaviour suggesting any of the above.**
- **All members must not use any physical or bullying actions against anyone else at the Club**

Breaking the Codes:

- Any breaking of these codes will be considered in the context of its occurrence and done so fairly by Club Committee Members.
- Serious breakages, such as abuse of others or of substances, shall be treated with the seriousness it deserves, and may lead to support from external bodies.
- If the nature of the conduct breach is deemed severe enough, the Club reserves the right to suspend players or expel them from the Club.
- Where appropriate, an approach of restorative justice will be followed.

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4. Disputes

If a player or parents have a particular problem or complaint, the following procedure should be followed: In the first instance any problem or complaint should be discussed with the appropriate coach. It is anticipated that the majority of all complaints will be resolved in this way.

Where the issues is not resolved, then the player or parent should send in writing to either the Chair or Vice Chair who will take the matter to the next committee meeting, unless it is resolved as above. The decision of the committee will be final. The Chair or Vice Chair will not enter into detailed dialogue with parents of why a decision has been made.

Signed:

Chairperson: Kelly Dobb

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