

Code of Conduct for Swindon Smash Badminton Club

The Swindon Smash badminton Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its young players. The Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect and be encouraged to be open in sharing any concerns or complaints they may have about any aspect of the Club with **Junior Co-ordinator or Child Welfare Officer**.

1. All young players must play within the laws of the game and respect all official and their decisions.
2. All young players must show respect for other young players in the club, including opponents, coaches and officials.
3. All young players should keep to agreed times for sessions and competitions, and inform the appropriate person if they are going to be late.
4. If after having been selected for a competition or match, a young player is required to withdraw, they must inform the appropriate person immediately.
5. All young players must wear appropriate badminton sport clothing for club sessions and competitions.
6. All young players must pay any fees for training and events promptly, or by the due date.
7. There is to be no swearing or abusive language at the Club or at away events, use of sexist or racist language or gestures at any time.
8. There is to be no eating, chewing gum or drinking on court (apart from bottled water). If eating on the sidelines, please dispose of your rubbish in the bin.
9. Young players are not permitted to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the Club premises, or whilst representing the Club. Players who are required to take prescribed medicine must discuss this with the **Club's Child Welfare Officer**.

We are committed to your enjoyment when you are playing badminton. If anything or anyone worries or upsets you, then you should tell someone about it so that they can help you.

To find out more please go to:

www.badmintonengland.co.uk/keepingkidssafe

Code of Conduct for Coaches

The Coaches Code of Conduct applies to all coaches in badminton at every level of the game. If the code is breached and reported, all complaints and allegations will be acted upon according to the BADMINTON England Disciplinary Procedures.

Coaches Will:

- Treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation and has the right to be protected from abuse
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of badminton
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and developments and maintain appropriate insurance
- Ensure that equipment, facilities and activities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of the players taking part
- Ensure there is appropriate and correct supervision of players on and off the court
- Be aware of and abide by BADMINTON England Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Policy, Procedures and Guidelines
- Remember that players participate for pleasure and winning is part of the fun
- Operate within the rules and spirit of badminton and teach your players to do the same
- Ensure that the player's best interests are placed first, before those of the club, team or him/herself
- Display high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Provide positive feedback to all players during training and matches
- Respect all referee decisions and ensure players do the same
- Report any concerns you may have in relation to a young person, follow reporting procedures laid down by BADMINTON England
- Challenge and/or report discriminatory behaviour
- Applaud good performance and efforts and from all individuals and teams
- Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome

Coaches Will NOT:

- Ridicule or shout at a player/team for making a mistake or not winning
- Expose players to extreme heat or cold or unacceptable risk of injury
- Smoke while working/participating in a badminton environment
- Consume alcohol or illegal substances while working/participating in a badminton environment
- Use foul, sexist or racist language or gestures at any time
- Condone behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct/prohibited practice
- Engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player. This is strictly forbidden as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures.
- Give young people alcohol or cigarettes or drugs when they are under the care of the Region/County or Club

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

Who does this apply to?

The Parents Code of Conduct applies to all parents/carers at any badminton match/tournament or training session at every level of the game

If the code is breached and reported, all complaints and allegations will be acted upon according to the BADMINTON England Disciplinary Procedures

Parents will:

- Focus on the child's efforts and enjoyment rather than winning or losing
- Provide positive verbal feedback in both training and matches
- Encourage players to participate within the rules and regulations of the game
- Applaud good performance and efforts and from all individuals and teams
- Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- Leave the coach to communicate with individual players on court
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do the same
- Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players and spectators
- Inform the team coach or manager of any injury, health or welfare issue that you feel it is appropriate for them to know
- Ensure that their child/children arrive and are collected promptly and safely for training and competitions
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- Treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation and has the right to be protected from abuse
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of badminton
- Report any concerns you may have in relation to a young person, follow reporting procedures laid down by BADMINTON England
- Challenge and/or report discriminatory behaviour

Parents will NOT:

- Force their child/children to participate in badminton
- Ridicule or shout at your child/children or other players for making a mistake or losing a game
- Question publicly the referee, coach, official or players' decisions within a game, match or training situation
- Enter the court of play
- Use foul, sexist or racist language or gestures at any time
- Condone behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct/prohibited practice
- Give young people alcohol or cigarettes when they are under the care of the Region/County or Club