



## 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.
- Observe a spirit of fair play by respecting all others involved in the sport of table tennis.
- Treat both competition and training venues with respect.
- At a competition no young player should leave the venue unless given specific permission by one of the officials or the person responsible for their welfare at the event.
- 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.
- Treat all the people you meet in table tennis with respect whether they be your opponents, practice partners, coaches, team members, officials or spectators. This also includes negative body language whilst on the table tennis table.
- 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 and use of inappropriate language will not be tolerated under any circumstances this includes inappropriate use of social media and texting.
- Do not take banned substances.
- 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)
- Take all reasonable measures to protect your own safety and the safety of others both on and off the table.
- Do not do or say anything which brings Table Tennis England, any of its members or the sport into disrepute.

- Read and follow Table Tennis England's Social Media Policy.
- Table Tennis is your sport so get involved in your club and league – everyone has a voice to be heard in table tennis.
- Do not make inappropriate and/or deliberate physical contact with, or use any threatening or intimidating behaviour against any other participant.

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