

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

In order to gain the best experience from their involvement in sport, young people generally rely on their parents/carers for both emotional and financial support. This influence can be crucial as they become involved in training squads and competitive play. Parents/carers should be aware that Table Tennis Wales 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, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, 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.

It is hoped that the following will prove useful to parents/carers to play a positive part in their child's career in table tennis:

It is expected that all parents/carers will:

- Abide by and promote Table Tennis Wales' Code of Ethics.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy all that table tennis has to offer, at whatever level they are playing.
- Ensure that your child reads and understands the Code of Conduct for Players.
- Never exert undue pressure on your child to compete, or get results, be realistic about your child's ability.
- Complete and return the Parental Consent Form and any other documentation required, for your child to participate in table tennis.
- Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after training sessions/matches. Inform the organiser prior to the activity starting, if your child is to be collected early.
- Encourage respect for the laws of table tennis, support and promote fair play at all times and the acceptance of umpires' and officials' decisions.
- Uphold high standards of behaviour, appearance, punctuality and the importance of being a good team member.
- Do not condone the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage recognition of good performances in others, as well as themselves.
- Always use appropriate language and ensure your child does the same.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for their own actions on and off the table, e.g. not blaming others, or seeking excuses for their own shortcomings or mistakes and encourage their greater independence.
- Establish a positive partnership with the coach, to help provide the best possible balance between the demands of table tennis, education and home.
- Show respect, and trust the coach working with your child. If you have any questions or queries communicate directly with the coach, do not compromise the relationship between the coach and player.
- Ensure that your child is aware of all the arrangements for any trips, including the correct equipment and clothing.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for their own safety.
- When at a competition or event, please always remember that your role is as a supporter and allow the coach the space to work with your child.

In addition to the above as a parent/carer, you have the right to know your child is safe.

As a parent/carer, Table Tennis Wales expects you to have to:

- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your children.
- Be informed if your child is injured.
- Have your consent sought, for issues such as trips or photography.
- Contribute to decisions within the club.
- Have any concerns you have about any aspect of your child's welfare, listened and responded to.

The contact details for the National Safeguarding Officer are on the Table Tennis Wales website

<https://ttwebsite.co.uk/safeguarding/> or you can email: safeguarding@tabletennis.wales