

# Shuttlescots Badminton Club

## Code of Conduct

### October 2018



Every person who is affiliated with the Shuttlescots Badminton Club is under an obligation to comply to this code of conduct which sets out a standard of expected behaviour. This includes players on a Thursday, Saturday and any competitions or events put on by the club.

The Committee of the Shuttlescots Badminton Club is obliged to monitor compliance with and impose sanctions for the breaches of the Code of Conduct by persons under its jurisdiction.

For breaches of the Code of Conduct, the club Committee may impose penalties as it deems appropriate.

This document will be reviewed, but the club committee every 3 years from the date of implementation.

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#### Definitions:

**Volunteer** - For the purposes of this document a volunteer is someone who volunteers for the club. i.e. a committee member, volunteer coach or other individual who is not classed as a participant.

**Club Committee** - For the purposes of this document the club committee is the governing group as laid out in the clubs constitution.

**Member/Participant/Players**- For the purposes of this document a participant is someone who is participating in club activity or a member of the club by paying their membership fee in full each term.

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## 1.0 Code of Conduct for Club Officials and Volunteers

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below.

All volunteers must:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the club committee.
- Hold appropriate valid insurance cover.
- Never exert undue influence over participants to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Never actively promote anti-social behaviour, lude acts or excessive drinking, or force any participant into taking part in such activities.
- Shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person.
- The club is committed to providing an environment in which all participants are able to realise their full potential and contribute to success of the club irrespective of their age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity.

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## 2.0 Code of Conduct for Participants

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches and administrators in providing the opportunity for you to play the game and enjoy the sporting environment.
- Ensure that the game is played and conducted in accordance with disciplined and sporting behaviour and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon that match officials to maintain those principles.
- Shall not repeatedly breach the laws of the game.
- Shall promote the reputation of the game and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Shall not commit a doping offence in accordance with the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Code.
- Shall not use foul language or abusive language or gestures towards match officials or spectators.
- Shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person irrespective of their age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity.
- Arrive for training and matches in good time to prepare thoroughly.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour.
- Turn up with appropriate kit for the activity (we are able to loan badminton rackets for participants who require to borrow them)
- Be respectful of club property and ensure that club property is returned at the end of the session.
- Always warm up and cool down properly.
- Play for fun and enjoyment.
- Learn and play by the rules.
- Ensure that you promptly pay membership fees when they are due as outlined by the committee.
- Recognise and applaud all good play.
- Be a good sport - win with modesty, lose with dignity.
- Co-operate with coach, team-mates and opponents.
- Thank officials and opponents after competition.

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### 3.0 Code of Conduct for Spectators

- Be on your best behaviour. Do not use profane language or harass, physically or verbally, players, managers, coaches, match officials or other spectators.
- Applaud all good play by your own team and the other team.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Never ridicule or scold a participant for making a mistake during a game.
- Never condone the use of violence and verbal abuse.
- Respect the match officials' decisions. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes makes an honest error.
- Encourage players always to play according to the Laws of the Game.
- Know the Laws of the Game to better understand what you are looking at and commenting on.
- Shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any person irrespective of their age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity.

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