



## ***Code of Conduct for Players***

The English Table Tennis Association 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.
- Be punctual at all times for training and competition and be ready at the table to play.
- If you feel unwell or have an accident you should report immediately to one of the responsible adults.
- Treat both the competition and training venues with respect and always leave kit bags neatly where they will not cause an obstruction to others.
- Once at the competition playing arena no player should leave the venue unless given specific permission or instructions by one of the responsible adults.
- Players must be responsible for ensuring that they arrive at the either the competition 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.
- Always obey any instructions given by one of the responsible adults.
- Be courteous and polite to all the people you meet whilst a member of the squad, particularly your opponents, practice partners, coaches and fellow team and squad members. This also includes negative body language whilst on the table tennis table.
- Take responsibility for yourself in and out of competition and training and always be aware of your personal safety as you would at home i.e. do not talk to strangers, do not get into a vehicle with a stranger.
- Always respect and never under estimate your opponents.
- 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 will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Never use inappropriate language.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances.
- No relationship of an intimate nature will be allowed between players or players and coaches travelling together and when staying as a group no boys should enter girls' rooms and vice versa.
- Treat all accommodation with respect and always leave hotel rooms tidy.
- When travelling abroad all players must respect the culture, clothing and customs of the country they are visiting.
- Always address officials or coaches at any competitions or training camps with respect and never question their judgement.
- Use any free time constructively e.g. relax, focus on the next session.