

## **Lewes Squash Club: Code of Conduct**

### **Players**

The Players Code of Conduct applies to all individuals who participate in the sport as a player at every level, including members, guests, non-members playing fixtures on premises, and any other players invited on premises.

If the Code is breached, such breach is to be reported to the Squash Committee, and all related complaints and allegations will be investigated and acted upon appropriately.

Players will:

- Abide by the rules of the club or venue;
- Treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation and accept that everyone has the right to be protected from abuse;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of the sport;
- Know and abide by the rules of the game;
- In officiated matches, accept the referee's decisions without excessive questioning or complaint;
- In "friendly" or unofficiated matches, respect the spirit of the game, including playing lets in questionable circumstances;
- Not engage in any form of violence, rough play toward your opponent, or use abusive language toward your opponent or referee;
- Assist injured players and opponents where appropriate;
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions and respect the value of other people's time and commitments;
- Wear suitable kit, including approved eyewear for junior players, non-marking shoes and a shirt at all times;
- Pay any fees for membership, training or events promptly;
- Respect the sport, the Club, its members and visitors;
- Not engage in any activity that contravenes the policies, rules and contracts set out by the Club in regards to coaching or player welfare;
- Comply with all safeguarding and accreditation policies and rules of Sport England;
- Otherwise be familiar with the England Squash Code of Conduct and abide by it.

### **Parents**

The Parents Code of Conduct applies to all parents at any squash match or training session at every level of the game.

If the Code is breached, such breach is to be reported to the Squash Committee, and all related complaints and allegations will be investigated and acted upon appropriately.

Parents will:

- Abide by the rules and regulations of the club or venue;
- Focus on the child's efforts and enjoyment rather than winning or losing;
- Encourage young people to play in a positive manner;
- Provide positive verbal feedback in both training and matches;
- Encourage players to participate within the rules and regulations of the game;
- Applaud good performances and efforts 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 during matches;
- Never enter the court of play;
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do the same;
- Respect referees, officials, coaches, players and spectators and refrain from any form of abusive language or aggressive behaviour;
- Inform the team coach or manager of any meaningful injury, health or welfare issue;
- Remember that children participate in sport for their own enjoyment, not their parents;
- Treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation and accept that everybody has the right to be protected from abuse;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of the sport;
- Report any concerns in relation to a young person, follow reporting procedures laid down by England Squash;
- Not condone any form of discrimination and report it as appropriate;
- Comply with all safeguarding and accreditation policies and rules of Sports England;
- Otherwise comport themselves in a manner consistent with the England Squash Code of Conduct.

## Referees

The Referee Code of Conduct applies to all referees in the sport at every level within the game.

If the Code is breached, such breach is to be reported to the Squash Committee, and all related complaints and allegations will be investigated and acted upon appropriately.

### Referees will:

- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors;
- Keep up to date with the latest officiating developments;
- Remember that referees set an example (referee's behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive);
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else;
- Treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation and accept that everybody has the right to be protected from abuse;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of the sport;
- Report any concerns in relation to a young person, follow reporting procedures laid down by England Squash;
- Not condone any form of discrimination or allow it to go unchallenged;
- Otherwise be familiar with the England Squash Code of Conduct and abide by it.