

West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation

Code of Conduct for children and young people



*This code of conduct is reviewed annually and any amendments made will be shown in **bold underlined**.*

Introduction

The West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation (WEBSF) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its **participants**. The Foundation believes that it is important that **participants**, volunteers and parents associated with WEBSF should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, **participants** are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Foundation with Mr Steve Canniford, WEBSF Champion and Head of Coaching.

Sporting groups should offer a positive experience for children and young people where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a **participant** of the WEBSF under 18, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

Children and young people are expected to:

- Be loyal and give your friends a second chance
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new **participants**
- Be supportive and committed to other **participants**, offer comfort when required
- Keep yourself safe and do not give any of your personal contact details to anyone
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations
- Play fairly and be trustworthy
- Respect officials and accept decisions
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Respect opponents
- Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
- Contribute to making WEBSF a fun place to be
- Keep within the defined coaching areas
- Act sensibly and listen to all instructions from the coach. Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions
- Show respect to other **participants / volunteers** and show team spirit
- Take care of equipment owned by the club and the WEBSF
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity

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- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like social media, chat-rooms or texting
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Keep to agreed timings or inform the coach if they are going to be late

Children / Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity
- Be listened to
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Privacy
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other **participants / volunteers** or outside sources
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on

Any minor misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the coach and reported verbally to the designated person. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in further action. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Links to our other Policies & Procedures and Codes of Conduct can be found [here](#):

We are committed to reviewing our Policies & Procedures and Codes of Conduct annually.

Reviewed on: June 2019 Reviewed by: Steve Canniford and Deborah Branton
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