



This document has been produced by the Competitions Commission of Volleyball England and sets out a Code of Conduct that every volleyball player must be adhere to.

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Players tell us that they need referees for every match, yet many drop out of the game every year because of the abuse they receive on and off of the court.

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. Whilst winning is the objective, it is not to be achieved at any cost - fair play and respect for others in the game is essential.

This code is applicable to all Volleyball players playing within Volleyball England Competitions.

Code of Conduct for Players

Obligations towards the game

A Player Should:-

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and fitness.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young or inexperienced players and supporters.
4. Always have regards for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game or others involved in it.
5. Avoid improper use of internet social networking sites like Facebook, You Tube, My Space, Twitter, etc that would in any way bring into disrepute or present a negative image of the game of volleyball.
6. Not use inappropriate language.
7. Accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance during training and matches; representing volleyball in a positive way.

Obligations towards one's own team

A Player Should:-

1. Make every effort consistent with fair play and the Rules of the Game to help their own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question their commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the Rules of the Game and Competition Rules

A Player Should:-

1. Know and abide by the rules, regulations and spirit of the game and any specific competition rules.
2. Accept victory or defeat professionally and in good spirit.
3. Resist all temptation to take banned substances.

Respect towards Opponents

A Player Should:-

1. Treat all opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the match.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A Player Should:-

1. Accept the decision of the match officials without question.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
3. Show due respect towards all match officials.

Respect towards Team Officials

A Player Should:-

1. To the best of their ability abide by the instructions of their coach and team officials provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
2. Show due respect towards the team officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Spectators

A Player Should:-

1. Show due respect to the interest of spectators.

Play your part and observe Volleyball England's Players Code of Conduct at all times. Breaches of this code can be referred to Competitions Commission (Disciplinary Sub Committee) for action.

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