

Code of conduct

Stockport Table Tennis Club and the league and tournament organisers we are affiliated with expect that all those involved in the game will:

1. treat others equally and with respect regardless of their ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or social status;
2. challenge any injustice that may occur in our sport and recognise everyone's right to be protected from abuse;
3. respect club officials, match umpires and tournament referees and abide by their decisions;
4. treat opponents respectfully, recognising the efforts and performances of others and avoid applauding any unforced errors opponents may make;
5. share any concerns or complaints about the club with one of the club's officials, coaches or child protection officer;
6. uphold high standards of behaviour, appearance and the importance of being a good team member.

In addition, players should:

1. wear suitable table tennis clothing and use suitable bats as agreed with the Head Coach;
2. play within the rules of table tennis;
3. congratulate their opponent, opponent's coach and match umpire at the end of a match irrespective of the result.

In addition parents should:

1. support their child's involvement in table tennis and promote fair play;
2. encourage their child to recognise their responsibilities in the code of conduct
3. establish a positive partnership with the coach to help provide the best possible balance between the demands of table tennis, education and home;
4. ensure that your child is aware of all the arrangements for any trips
5. provide your child with suitable table tennis equipment and clothing as agreed with the head coach;
6. be punctual when collecting or dropping off your child;
7. never exert undue pressure on your child to compete or get results;
8. always use appropriate language and ensure your child does the same;
9. under no circumstances condone any rule violation or the use of prohibited substances;
10. ensure that your child understands that they should take responsibility for their own safety;
11. respect the coach working with your child. If you have any questions or queries about the coaching please deal directly with the coach and never in front of your child.
12. be aware that, at the majority of tournaments, during a match no-one is permitted to offer coaching or performance advice to players other than at the end of games or during called time-outs and each player may nominate only one person to offer such advice during any one match. Court-side support and encouragement from spectators is of course permitted and encouraged, but this should be in keeping with the atmosphere of the event and not over the top;
13. be sensitive that other matches will usually be taking place in close proximity and avoid any actions or supportive behaviour that may be disruptive.