



General CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

As a member of ACT Badminton Association (ACTBA) you are required to meet the following in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by ACT Badminton Association.

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not walk across a court when the game is in progress.



Players Code of Behaviour

In addition to General Code of Behaviour, you are required to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by ACTBA:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, Officials and spectators.
2. Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and competitors.
4. Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
5. Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury, and your ability to train fully within the program requirements.
6. At all times avoid intimate relationships with your coach.
7. Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
8. Maintain high personal behaviour standards at all times.
9. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
10. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
11. Cooperate with coaches and staff in development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition at the highest level.
12. In the spirit of sportsmanship and after a game, shake hand with your partner even though you lost, congratulate your opponents and thank the umpire.



Coaches Code of Behaviour

In addition to the General Code of Conduct, all coaches are required to meet the following while coaching during any activity held or sanctioned by ACTBA, a member association or affiliated club.

1. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the game.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
8. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
9. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a doctor when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
11. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



Parents Code of Behaviour

As a parent/guardian of a player participating in any activity held or under the auspices of ACTBA, a member association or affiliated club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity or event.

1. Remember that children participate for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do it likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



Officials Code of Behaviour

In additional to the General Code of Conduct, all officials are required to meet the following while officiating during any activity held or sanctioned by ACTBA, a member association or affiliated club.

1. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
6. Encourage and promote rule change which will make participation more enjoyable.
7. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
8. Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
9. Remember you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
10. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
11. Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



Administrators Code of Behaviour

In addition to the General Code of Conduct, all officials are required to meet the following while officiating during any activity held or sanctioned by ACTBA, a member association or affiliated club.

1. Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
2. Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
3. Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
4. Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
5. Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
6. Remember that young people participate for their own enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
7. Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standard of coaching and officiating.
8. Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasise fair play, and not winning at all costs.
9. Give code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
10. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
11. Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



Spectators Code of Behaviour

As a spectator in any activity held or under the auspices of ACTBA, a member association or affiliated club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity and event.

1. Remember that young people participate in sport for their own enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
2. Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the decision of officials and teach young people to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
6. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decision.
8. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



Media

As a reporter, photographer, webmaster and manager of facebook and other social media, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity and event held or sanctioned by ACTBA, ACT Schools, a member association or affiliated club.

1. Provide coverage of young people's competitive and non-competitive sport as well as reporting adult sport.
2. Obtain permission from parents/guardians/teachers if photos and articles of young players are to be posted on website and other social media. Likewise, get individuals and adults permission if their names and photos are to be posted on website and other social media.
3. Be aware of the differences between adult sport, professional sport and modified sports programs for young people.
4. Don't highlight isolated incidents of inappropriate sporting behaviour.
5. Focus upon a player's fair play and honest effort.
6. Do not place unfair expectations on young people. They are not miniature professionals.
7. Describe and report on the problems of people participating in organised sport.
8. Focus on the abilities and not on the disabilities of players.
9. Avoid reinforcing stereotyping views on the involvement of males/females in particular sport.
10. Give equal time and space to reporting males and females sports.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Note:

These policies were compiled in 2009 – extracted some information from AUSSIE SPORT resource, a national (Australian Sports Commission) initiative committed to developing young people through sport.

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