



CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Western Suburbs Badminton Association endorses the Codes of Behaviour detailed by the Australian Sports Commission and the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport. For more information on these Codes visit: www.ausport.gov.au and www.sport.vic.gov.au/codeofconduct. Thus, Western Suburbs Badminton Association requires all members of the badminton community (spectators, players, club members, officials, participants, administrators, coaches, parents and members of the community) to be aware of and abide by the following Codes of Behaviour.

Victorian Code of Conduct for community sport

VICTORIAN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMUNITY SPORT

Every person: spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport, should work to ensure:

- inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation
- inclusion of every person regardless of their race, culture or religion
- opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential
- respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community
- a safe and inclusive environment for all
- elimination of violent and abusive behavior
- protection from sexual harassment or intimidation.

This Code applies to community sport, training and club sanctioned activities.

Players Code of Behaviour

- 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 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, official, coach or volunteer.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect and appreciate volunteers, facility owners and the broader community.
- Condemn the use of violence and abuse in any form by any person. Promote a harassment-free environment. Have read & understand the Anti-Harassment Policy.
- Report any grievances or complaints to the relevant or appropriate person in charge.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, religion or ability.



Parents Code of Behaviour

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants. Lead by example.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Condemn the use of violence and abuse in any form by any person. Promote a harassment-free environment. Have read & understand the Anti-Harassment Policy.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Report any grievances or complaints to the relevant or appropriate person in charge.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, religion or ability.

Coaches Code of Behaviour

- Remember that most people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of badminton and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All participants are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants. Lead by example.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Western Suburbs Badminton Association strongly encourages coaches to obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principals of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a participant should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Condemn the use of violence and abuse in any form by any person. Promote a harassment-free environment. Have read & understand the Anti-Harassment Policy.
- Report any grievances or complaints to the relevant or appropriate person in charge.
- Ensure all players and other parties (parents, managers) have a copy of, and are familiar with the players Code of Behaviour.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, religion or ability.



Officials Code of Behaviour

- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Condemn the use of violence and abuse in any form by any person. Promote a harassment-free environment. Have read & understand the Anti-Harassment Policy.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principals of growth and development of players.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Report any grievances or complaints to the relevant or appropriate person in charge.
- Give all participants a 'fair go' regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, religion or ability.

Administrators Code of Behaviour

- Give all players equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator, etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that people participate for their personal enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Ensure Codes of Behaviour and Complaint Resolution Procedure are made available to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players, community members and the media, and encourage them to follow it. Make them available via the sport's website and at various badminton venues. Remember you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Make it clear that violence and abuse in any form is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action. Promote a harassment-free environment. Have read & understand the Anti-Harassment Policy.
- Report any grievances or complaints to the relevant or appropriate person in charge.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, religion or ability.

Supporters Code of Behaviour (spectators, members of the community)

- Remember that people participate for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decision of officials and teach participants to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence and abuse in any form by any person. Promote a harassment-free environment. Have read & understand the Anti-Harassment Policy.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Report any grievances or complaints to the relevant or appropriate person in charge.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, religion or ability.