

PADDINGTON SPORTS CLUB

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR CARERS

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PSC has a comprehensive safeguarding and child protection policy for use by all those working with or alongside children and young adults under 18 years of age. This includes Board and Committee members, employees, coaches and trainers.

The Child Protection in Sport Unit of the NSPCC have also issued the following guidance for parents and carers of children under 18 years of age.

- a. Parents have the right to be assured that their child is safeguarded during their time at PSC, to see relevant policies and procedures, to have contact details of the designated child protection officer for PSC and to be informed of the training and qualifications of those working directly with young people.
- b. Parents also have the right to be informed of problems or concerns relating to their child, be informed if there is an accident or injury and to have any concerns about their child's welfare or progress listened to and responded to.
- c. Parents and carers are expected to support their child by learning about their sport and what is involved at their level. They are expected to understand that it is not all about winning or losing but also about participation, exercise, developing interpersonal skills as well as technical expertise. Parents are expected to talk to their child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship and to encourage them to play by the rules.
- d. Parents and carers are expected to set an example by behaving positively when they are on the side-lines, applauding good play by all sides, accepting official's judgement and not entering the field of play.
- e. Parents are asked to ensure their child arrives on time, is appropriately dressed, has sufficient food and drink and is picked up promptly. Parents or carers should let club officials know if they are running late or if the child is going home with someone else.
- f. Parents and carers of children are asked to ensure that their child understands the Code of Conduct for Young People

As a member of our club young people have the right to enjoy the time spent with us and to know they are safe. They have the right to feel welcomed, encouraged, valued, respected and to be treated fairly. We ask that taking part in club activities children and young people are mindful of the following:

1. Be a good sport, celebrate when we win and be gracious when we lose. Treat opposing players with respect and dignity
2. Respect individual differences such as gender, race, sexual orientation or religious observance
3. Treat other young people with respect and appreciate that everyone has different levels of knowledge, ability, skill and experience
4. Demonstrate good manners when interacting with officials, employees, coaches, spectators, opposing teams/players and other PSC members
5. Keep safe by listening to the coach or trainer and behaving responsibly

6. Stay in the places designated for use by younger members and not go into restricted areas such as the kitchen, the gym, the squash courts and the indoor and outdoor bowls arenas
7. To behave quietly and calmly in the clubhouse, to avoid the bar area and not to be a nuisance to adults using clubhouse facilities
8. Not to ride cycles or scooters on the grounds or premises
9. Not to wander off or leave without telling a coach or member of staff
10. Not to accept invitations of any sort that do not include a parent, guardian or carer
11. Not to smoke or consume alcohol on our premises or during practices or competitions
12. Report any incidents of bullying or offensive behaviour

<b>Name of parent / carer</b>	
Signature	
Date	

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Signature	
Date	