

LINLITHGOW SPORTS CLUB

CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, VOLUNTEERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS

Linlithgow Sports Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that parents and guardians, volunteers and club officials, players and spectators associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others..

Code of conduct for Parents and Guardians

1. Encourage your child to learn the rules of the sport and play within them.
2. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
3. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Never force your child to take part in sport.
5. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
6. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
7. Publicly accept judgements made by officials.
8. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
9. Use correct and proper language at all times.
10. Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in.
11. Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common.
12. Your first question following any match should be: "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?"
13. At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the helpers and referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!

Code of Conduct for Volunteers and Club Officials

1. Recognise the special role that they play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of sportsmanship at all times.
2. Respect the rights of other clubs and members and do not deliberately act in a manner to the detriment of any of other club and member.
3. Respect the rights of players, coaches and officials, and do not exploit or deliberately act in a manner intended to be detrimental to them
4. Do not endeavour to influence the result of a competition by any action not strictly within the rules and regulations, or within the fundamental precepts of fair play.

Code of Conduct for Players

1. Abide by the rules and the spirit of the event/competition

2. Never consider cheating and, in particular, must not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs or prohibited substances.
3. Exercise reasonable self-control at all times.
4. Learn to accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and magnanimity, and without excessive emotional display.
5. Treat opponents and team-mates with respect, both during and after the game.

Code of Conduct for Spectators

1. Be patient and supportive of all young players.
2. Promote positive play.
3. Enjoy the game and highlight positive play by all players.
4. Exercise self-control at all times.
5. Accept the decisions of the match officials.
6. Never use bad language.
7. Never criticise any player, coach or official