CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND OTHER SPECTATORS

Parents and carers should be welcomed and indeed encouraged to view training sessions and competitions and their thoughts, comments and suggestions on how a club does things should be gratefully accepted. As with codes of conduct for coaches and children, parents and carers should observe a similar code:

- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before results
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept officials’ judgements
- Support your child’s involvement and help them enjoy their sport
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Treat all participants, officials and other spectators with respect and dignity
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol or illegal substances during training or competition as this portrays a negative image

**NB totally unacceptable** is discrimination, prejudice, oppressive behaviour or language in relation to any of the following – race, culture, age, gender, disability, religion, sexuality or political persuasion