



CODE OF CONDUCT

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This Code of Conduct relates to all events, be they competitive or friendly, held under the auspices of the NIBA.

The conduct of players, officials and members over the years has been exemplary. Those who respect and uphold the best traditions of the sport need have no fear of the introduction of a Code of Conduct but should welcome it. It is hoped by its very introduction it will prevent its application.

GENERAL CONDUCT

All players, officials and members must take responsibility in ensuring they are up to date with the rules, understand and adhere to them.

All players, officials and members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.

All players, officials and members must respect officials and publicly accept their decisions.

All players, officials and members should be a positive role model; they should treat other players and officials with the same level of respect they would expect to be shown to themselves.

All players, officials and members should use correct and proper language at all times.

All players, officials and members must wear appropriate clothing and footwear on the green, as per the competition or club rules.

Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.

Any player, official or member who by their standard of behaviour during the competition or match is liable to bring the game into disrepute may be subject to disciplinary action by the Association.

Any player or official, who in the opinion of the official or umpire in charge at an event subjects their opponent(s) or any other person to any physical or verbal abuse, will be warned by the official or umpire in charge and may be liable to disciplinary action by the Association.

No player or official shall cause wilful damage to any equipment whatsoever during the course of a game.

All players and officials must conduct themselves in an acceptable manner when not playing on the green.

Any specific instructions issued for an event will be deemed to come within the scope of this Code of Conduct. If any instructions are ignored the player or official may be subject to disciplinary action by the Association.

MATTERS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

If any player or official, in the opinion of the official or umpire in charge, is considered to be unfit to play or officiate in a game at any time due to the effects of drugs or alcohol, they will be ordered to leave the green and will be subject to disciplinary action by the Association.

Prior to participating in any competitive event, any competitors taking medication should consult the EIBA Anti-Doping Guidance notes to check that their medication is not prohibited. The EIBA Guidance notes are held to apply also to NIBA competitions.

Critical or derogatory statements about the Association's affairs, venues for events, sponsors, clubs or individual members of the Association or the like should be made through the appropriate channels of the Association and not through the Press or Social Media.

Definitions of Misconduct

For the purposes of this Code, the definition of Misconduct will include, but is not restricted to, the items listed in 2.1 and 2.2 above.

An allegation of Misconduct against an individual or a club may be made by any affiliated member of the Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association.

All such allegations must be made in writing to either the Honorary Secretary or the President.

All allegations received will be dealt with in accordance with Appendix 1 of this Code.