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## Battle Table Tennis Club – an ETTA *PremierClub*

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### Junior Players Code of Conduct

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The aim of the club is to provide a friendly and enjoyable experience to all participants; all members are expected to behave in a manner that contributes to this positive ethos. The club believes that it is important that everyone associated with it should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

#### *Players Code of Conduct*

1. Players will be punctual and polite, and at all times conduct themselves in a sporting manner.
2. Verbal abuse towards an opponent, official or spectator is prohibited, including the use of foul language, before, during or after a match.
3. Violent, threatening behaviour or bullying towards an opponent, official or spectator is prohibited. This includes any action which causes, or has the potential to cause, physical or mental harm to another person. For example deliberately throwing a bat or another object, or verbal threats made towards an opponent, breaking a ball, striking the table or any other equipment during play.
4. A handshake will take place at the end of every match.
5. Players must always look to set a good example, particularly in the presence of visitors to the club.
6. Any disputes during a match will be referred to the umpire, or if applicable the league organiser, for a final decision, with which all players will abide without argument.
7. Observers will not involve themselves in said disputes.

#### *Examples of Poor Conduct*

##### **Any breach of the formal Players Code of Conduct including:-**

- Foul, abusive or offensive language or gestures
- Violent or threatening behaviour, either verbally, visually or physically
- Not accepting a ruling by umpire
- Abuse of equipment, ball, table, surrounds or other equipment (kicking walls, doors etc), damaging own bat.
- Delaying tactics (excessive toweling, toweling is only allowed every 6 points played)
- Excessive shouting, foot stamping.
- Coaching during a game.
- Accusing your opponent of cheating (issues should only be raised via the umpire)

#### *Rules Reminder*

- Coaching may not occur during Games. It is allowed between Games.
- The duration of rest between Games should not exceed 1 minute.
- Foul serving - the umpire shall warn the player in the first instance if there is doubt in its legality. Subsequent serving fouls will result in the point being awarded to the receiver. If there is no doubt in the first instance of an illegal serve, a point will be immediately awarded to the receiver. It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire can see that the service is legal.
- Calls of support and encouragement by observers BETWEEN (not during) points is allowed.
- Timeouts are not allowed.
- ETTA Table Tennis rules apply where not directly referenced above