



Parent / Guardian / Carer of an U18 Athlete Code of Conduct

Parents / guardians / carers of under 18 athletes should be aware that British Para Table Tennis (BPTT) expects that everyone involved with table tennis will treat everyone equally, and with respect, regardless of age, disability, gender, ethnic origin, religion or belief, socioeconomic status, marital status or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity status, sexual orientation, or gender reassignment.

It is all of our responsibility to challenge any injustice that may occur within our sport and accept that everyone has the right to be protected from abuse.

As a parent / guardian / carer of an under 18 athlete in our sport, we would like you to:

The essentials

- Make sure your child has the right kit for the session, as well as enough food and drink
- Try to make sure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly; or let us know if you're running late, or if your child is going home with someone else
- Complete all consent, contact, and medical forms, and update us straight away if anything changes
- Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach and have check-ins re your child's development
- Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement - we want to hear from you

Behaviour

- Try and learn about your child's sport and what it means to them
- Take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through sport
- Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in sport, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses
- Listen when your child says they don't want to do something
- Behave positively off court - Be encouraging, say "well done" and let your children know you're proud of what they're doing
- Think about how the way you react and behave effects not just your child but others too
- Encourage your child to respect and celebrate differences
- Lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour off court; or let other parents / guardians / carers of under 18's take their cues from you, as well as from us
- Accept the official's judgment and do not enter the field of play
- Use social media responsibly when talking about what goes on in our sport, by behaving in the same way online as you would in person
- Talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship
- Encourage your child to play by the rules
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct

As a parent, we understand you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us
- See any of our policies and procedures at any time
- Know who the welfare officer responsible for your child is and have their contact details
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the sport or activity
- Know what training and qualifications our staff have

- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- Know what happens if there's an accident or injury, be informed if your child is injured and see records of any accidents
- Have your consent sought for anything outside of our initial consent form, such as permission to go on trips or photography
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

We expect all parents / guardians / carers of under 18 athletes to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any parent / guardian / carer of an under 18 athlete behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem in a timely manner with the aim to resolve the issue.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in the parent / guardian / carer of the under 18 athlete being asked not to attend training / matches if their attendance is considered a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of young participants.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the activity, event or the sport permanently, something we never want to do.

Please sign here to confirm that you have read the above and agree to all the expectations:

Parent / Guardian / Carer of an U18 name:

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