

Croston and District Boules League

CODE OF CONDUCT – Advisory document only

INTRODUCTION

Boules can get quite competitive, like any sport. We have our own set of League rules and *“Our ethos is that all players have fun, can participate in an enjoyable sociable evening and most of all enjoy playing the game”*. The League is run for our Members by an elected Committee and we have an Annual General Meeting each year in January. We put the success of our Boules League down to the spirit, enjoyment and enthusiasm of all of our players.

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

The Croston and District Boules League fosters a safe, inclusive, respectful, and engaging environment for all who participate in or support our Boules League activities. Upholding the values of respect, sportsmanship, high ethical standards, and inclusivity is essential for building a vibrant Boules League community.

This Code of Conduct Policy Outlines Expectations for All of our Players.

All individuals are expected to promote this Code of Conduct policy, ensuring a culture of Respect and Equality where everyone can enjoy the sport of Boules without discrimination.

Our Values:

- Community: Building connections and fostering relationships.
- Inclusivity: Ensuring everyone feels welcome.
- Respect: Valuing all individuals and their contributions.
- Integrity: Upholding honesty and fairness.
- Passion: Encouraging enthusiasm and positivity in the sport of Boules.

As a Player in the Croston and District Boules League, I will: -

- Respect the rules and regulations of the Boules League, the dignity, rights, and worth of all individuals involved, confidentiality and sensitive information, League policies and safeguarding guidelines, and social media guidance to avoid inappropriate comments.
- Act with Integrity - uphold sportsmanship, refraining from unsporting behaviors like cheating or verbal abuse. Avoid actions that may bring the sport of Boules into disrepute.
- Foster teamwork - be punctual and fully engaged in all activities. Welcome and support new Members. Promote anti-bullying measures and challenge discrimination.
- Encourage Fun and Achievement: Celebrate others' successes and promote positivity. Avoid abusive language, bullying, or harassment. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Demonstrate respect for team mates, coaches, referees, and opponents.
- Take responsibility for personal behavior and performance.
- Support other players/people on and off the piste.
- Prioritize participants' safety and well-being.
- Be positive role models.

- Uphold the Boules League values and objectives.
- Treat everyone with fairness and respect.
- Report accidents or concerns to the appropriate personnel.

CREATING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

Croston and District Boules League is committed to fostering an inclusive environment that:

- Welcomes individuals from diverse backgrounds.
- Promotes equality and challenges discrimination.
- Supports the mental and physical well-being of all participants.

By your participation as a player for a League Team or by your participation in a League sanctioned competition, you agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct Policy.

BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

For any Player having been reported and deemed as breaching this Code of Conduct:

If a complaint is raised during a League match, it should be reported in the first instance to the Team Captain. It will be the responsibility of the Team Captain to resolve this situation by either: -

- Speaking to the Player in question to resolve the situation, OR
- Removing the Player from the match.
- Issue a warning to the Player to inform them that their continued unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- If unacceptable behaviour continues by the Player, notification of the complaint(s) should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- This will be reviewed by the Committee and a decision agreed in the best interest of all our Players and the League.
- This may result in the Player(s) being removed from the Team or the League.
- The Player will have the right of appeal

If this occurs during a League sanctioned competition, it will be the responsibility of the Competition Organiser to resolve this situation by either: -

- Speaking to the Player in question to resolve the situation, OR
- Removing the Player from the competition.

SUMMARY

The League Committee are totally committed to the Ethos of our League as stated above and recognise the value and importance of this Code of Conduct to everyone associated with the Croston and District Boules League and the essential requirement for Inclusivity and Diversity without discrimination in everything we do.

The Committee trusts that all of our Players recognise the importance of this policy and that Team Captains or Competition Organisers will not have to take any of the above actions for a breach of conduct. However; we should all be prepared to take responsibility and manage a situation with a Player who is reported and deemed to be in contravention of our Code of Conduct with a resolution being to the benefit of everyone associated with the League.

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