Ottery St Mary Table Tennis Club

Code of Conduct

16.8.2018

Ottery St Mary Table Tennis Club (club) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of its members. The Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Member’s, are encouraged to be open at all times and share any concerns or complaints that they may have, about any aspect of the club, with Mike Kavanagh or Ruth Mcgregor.

In addition Table Tennis England expects that everyone involved with table tennis will: respect the rights, dignity and worth of anyone they meet within our sport; treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation; accept it is all of our responsibility to challenge any injustice that may occur within our sport; accept that everyone has the right to be protected from abuse.

The following should also be adhered to:

* Members should always do your best in every situation and set a positive example to others.
* Be punctual, at all times, for training and competition and be ready at the table to play.
* **Members must pay fees for membership, playing, training events promptly.**
* Treat both the competition and training venues with respect and always leave kit bags neatly where they will not cause an obstruction to others.
* At a competition no player should leave the venue unless given specific permission by one of the officials.
* Members should be responsible for ensuring that they have the correct kit and equipment at practice nights or competitions and must be responsible for their belongings.
* No player should take, or interfere with another person’s property or belongings, without their consent.
* Always obey any instructions given by a responsible adult, official or coach.
* Be courteous, polite and respect all the people you meet, particularly your opponents, practice partners, coaches and fellow team and squad members. This also includes negative body language whilst on the table tennis table.
* Members should take responsibility for themselves in and out of competition and training and always be aware of their personal safety i.e. do not talk to strangers, do not get into a vehicle with a stranger.
* Members should encourage and support, fellow team members, without behaving in an unsporting manner towards their opponents.
* Bullying (verbal and physical) of fellow team/squad members or opponents will not be tolerated under any circumstances this includes use of social media and texting.
* Never use inappropriate language.
* Members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs (unless prescribed by a Doctor) of any kind whilst on club premises or whilst representing the club.
* Members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
* Members should always play within the rules and address officials/ coaches at any competitions with respect and never question their judgement.
* Abide by the Table Tennis England’s Anti Corruption regulations. (available on the Table Tennis England Website).