

# Code of Conduct

Applicable for all people playing Badminton in Canterbury

1. The players will follow instructions and directions given by the Badminton Canterbury Association (BC), any of our clubs, coaches, manager's or team captains.
2. Players will maintain consideration and respect towards the public, coaches, officials and other athletes regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or disability.
3. Treat their opponents with respect; show good sportsmanship by winning with humility and losing with dignity; respect the decisions of officials; and recognise the efforts of all team-mates or opponents.
4. Players will have good court etiquette and respect other members playing in the hall.
5. Players will not partake in any form of harassment (any form of comment, conduct, or gesture directed toward an individual or group of individuals, which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious, degrading, or offensive)
6. The player will not do anything, which would or might be likely to bring the BC Association or Club, any member of BC or Club, or any sponsor of BC or Club into disrepute. This applies both on and off the court.
7. The player will not partake in unacceptable behaviour.  
Examples of such behaviour are set out below:
  - a. Not practicing the principles of fair play - at all times.
  - b. Abusing court officials, coaches, managers, spectators or fellow players by verbal or sign language.
  - c. Not using one's best efforts to win a match.
  - d. Consumption of alcohol (minors) or excessive alcohol (seniors) or drugs.
  - e. Misbehaviour or unacceptable behaviour at tournaments or accommodation.
8. If there is any damage to property at BC or your club premises, then the individual will be accountable for this. If no one takes responsibility, then the collective of individuals participating at the time will be responsible.
9. Any incidences that need to be dealt with will be done so by the Association or Club, according to their guidelines.
10. Take full responsibility for your own personal items – BC or Clubs will not be accountable for any loss of or theft of belongings.
11. Report any incidences to your club or team manager immediately and to the BC office as soon as practical.
12. Report any Health and Safety concerns to your club or team manager immediately and to the BC office as soon as practical.

Applicable to players representing their Association or Club while travelling away.

1. To be selected for a travelling team is an honour and there are expectations on all individuals to ensure that they support the other players in their team and behave in a professional manner.
2. Any indiscretion, which relates to 6 (d) above, will result in the player being sent home at their own expense, after the team coach/manager/captain has advised the individuals parents (where appropriate)
3. Players acknowledge that the team coach/manager/captain shall have absolute authority over the conduct and behaviour of the player during the time the team is away, and the team coach/manager/captain decision is final in all matters relating to the conduct and behaviour of the player.
4. If there is damage to any property while representing the Association or your Club, for which no one will take responsibility, the whole team will be required to contribute to the costs.
5. Any fines imposed from Badminton New Zealand on the team or individual will be the responsibility of the individual/s involved.