



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS/SPECTATORS

Code of Conduct: Spectators, Parents and Guardians

1. This section of the Code applies to all spectators, parents and guardians involved in squash in England.
2. Although the emphasis of this part of the Code is on children, this part is not intended to be exclusive to their activity – it is recognised that spectators, parents and guardians will also be present at adult matches.
3. Parents and Guardians have a responsibility at all times to encourage all players to settle disagreements amicably without resorting to hostility or violence and support all efforts to remove bad or abusive language and unsporting behaviour. Parents and Guardians may also remind players that any breach of expected behaviours (see – Universal Conduct Obligations) is likely to invoke disciplinary action and penalties.
4. All such individuals involved in squash will, at all times:
 - 4.1. respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do the same;
 - 4.2. focus on the efforts and enjoyment of children rather than winning or losing;
 - 4.3. never ridicule or admonish a child for making a mistake or losing a match;
 - 4.4. teach children that honest effort and teamwork are as important as victory or individual performances;
 - 4.5. appreciate good performances and skilful play by all players;
 - 4.6. show an appreciation for volunteer coaches and administrators;
 - 4.7. inform any coach or other appropriate individual of any new or changed injury, health or welfare issue which a parent considers is appropriate for that individual to know about their child.

