

# Aspire Badminton Club Code of Conduct

Aspire Badminton Club is dedicated to cultivating a secure, considerate, and enjoyable atmosphere for its members, committee members, and guests. This Code of Conduct outlines the anticipated behavior and standards that all individuals affiliated with the club are expected to uphold.

## 1. **Respect and Sportsmanship:**

- a) Treat all members, committee members, and guests with respect, empathy, and impartiality, irrespective of their age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or skill level.
- b) Demonstrate good sportsmanship consistently, both on and off the court. Celebrate triumphs graciously and accept defeats with poise.

## 2. **Integrity, Honesty, and Compliance:**

- a) Act with integrity and honesty in all engagements related to the club.
- b) Abide by the club's regulations and any applicable rules in official competitions.

## 3. **Safety and Responsibility:**

- a) Prioritise safety during all club activities, whether on the court or elsewhere.
- b) Adhere to all safety instructions provided by club officials.

## 4. **Embrace Inclusivity and Shun Discrimination:**

- a) Foster an atmosphere of inclusion where everyone feels embraced and valued.
- b) Refrain from participating in any form of discrimination, harassment, or objectionable conduct. This may include avoid forming exclusive cliques or private groups on the courts.

## 5. **Thoughtful Language, and Communication:**

- a) Avoid using offensive, abusive, or inappropriate language.
- b) Uphold a positive and supportive ambience in all forms of communication.

## 6. **Thoughtful Social Media and Public Communication:**

- a) Exercise caution in your social media posts to ensure alignment with the club's values and positive image.
- b) Refrain from disclosing sensitive or confidential club or member information without proper authorisation.

## 7. **Respect Club Facilities and Equipment:**

- a) Handle club facilities and equipment with care and respect.
- b) Promptly report any damage or issues to the club committee.

## 8. **Adherence to Club Policies:**

- a) Familiarise yourself with and comply with all club policies and guidelines.
- b) Cooperate with club committee members and follow their directives.

**9. Dress Code:**

- a) Ensure appropriate clothing and footwear are worn during training and social sessions, competitions, and official events.

**10. Abstinence from Alcohol, Drugs, and Vaping/Smoking:**

- a) Refrain from alcohol, illegal substances, or vaping/smoking during all club activities.

## Players

At Aspire Badminton Club, we value sportsmanship, inclusivity, and respectful behavior. All players are expected to adhere to the following guidelines to ensure a positive and enjoyable environment for everyone on the courts.

### 1. Inclusivity and Social Engagement:

- a) We are an inclusive social badminton club, welcoming players of all skill levels and backgrounds.
- b) Avoid forming exclusive cliques or private groups on the courts.
- c) Interact and play with fellow players across different skill levels.

### 2. Match Duration:

- a) Matches should not exceed a maximum duration of 15 minutes to ensure fairness and equal playing opportunities.

### 3. Reporting Concerns:

- a) Players are encouraged to report any instances of cliques, private groups, or exclusivity to the committee members.

### 4. Committee Authority:

- a) Committee members have the authority to intervene and disband cliques, private groups, or exclusive behavior.

### 5. Non-Aggressive Conduct:

- a) No form of aggressive behavior, whether verbal or physical, is acceptable within the club.

### 6. Zero Tolerance for Violence:

- a) Physical violence of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion from the premises.

### 7. Balanced Play:

- a) Players should exhibit sportsmanship, especially when playing against opponents of differing skill levels.
- b) Aggressive play that may be perceived as intimidating is discouraged.

### 8. Skill-Level Pairing:

- a) It is advisable for players to negotiate and agree upon pairing arrangements to ensure balanced skill-level compatibility.
- b) Consider the overall enjoyment and growth of all members while forming pairs.

**Consequences of Violation:** Any member, committee member, or guest found to be in breach of this Code of Conduct may face disciplinary measures, including warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the club, depending on the gravity and recurrence of the offence. Each case will be assessed individually by the club committee, who will respond accordingly.

## **Committee**

Committee members of Aspire Badminton Club play a vital role in upholding the values, reputation, and smooth functioning of the club. The following outlines the behavioural expectations and standards that are expected of committee members.

### **1. Commitment and Responsibility:**

- a) Dedication to fulfilling roles and responsibilities diligently, putting the best interests of the club and its members first.

### **2. Transparency and Communication:**

- a) Communicate openly and transparently with club members and each other, keeping them informed about club activities, decisions, and updates.

### **3. Fairness and Impartiality:**

- a) Treat all club members equitably and impartially, without favouritism or bias, fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment.

### **4. Conflict of Interest:**

- a) Avoid situations that could lead to conflicts of interest and refrain from using positions for personal gain.

### **5. Decision-Making and Accountability:**

- a) Decisions to be guided by the best interests of the club and its members.
- b) Take responsibility for decisions and actions, acknowledging and rectifying mistakes if they occur.

### **6. Respect and Professionalism:**

- a) Treat all individuals with respect and professionalism, regardless of their role or position within the club.

### **7. Collaboration and Teamwork:**

- a) Work collaboratively with fellow committee members, sharing ideas and expertise to enhance the overall club experience.

### **8. Confidentiality:**

- a) Respect the confidentiality of sensitive information shared within the committee and the club, refraining from sharing such information without proper authorisation.

**9. Adherence to Club Policies:**

- a) Familiar with and adhere to all club policies, guidelines, and codes of conduct.

**10. Ethical Behavior:**

- a) Uphold the highest standards of ethical behavior, acting with integrity and honesty in all club-related matters.

**11. Accountability for Club Resources:**

- a) Responsibly manage club resources, including finances, equipment, and facilities, ensuring their proper use and maintenance.

**12. Continuous Improvement:**

- a) Seek opportunities for personal and professional growth to better serve the club and its members.

**13. Representation of the Club:**

- a) When representing the club publicly, will do so in a manner that reflects its values, mission, and positive image.

**Consequences of Violation:** Any committee member found to be in breach of this Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include warnings, suspension, or removal from the committee, depending on the severity and frequency of the violation. The club's general membership may also be informed about any actions taken.

By embracing this Code of Conduct, we can foster a positive, respectful environment that nurtures badminton skills, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among all participants. Let's collaborate to shape Aspire Badminton Club into a welcoming place where everyone can enjoy the sport they cherish.

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