

16. Code of Conduct for Children

Principles

This Code of Conduct for Children is a general framework to encourage and support appropriate behaviour and help BFCCT to provide safe activities and services. This code should be read in conjunction with the Code of Behaviour for Children. BFCCT believes that all children and young people have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity
- Be listened to
- Privacy
- Enjoy their chosen activity in a safe environment
- Be referred to professional help if they need it
- Be protected from abuse by other participants, staff or from outside sources
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Be believed
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Ask for help
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on
- Participate in their chosen activity on an equal basis as appropriate to their ability.

The following is a list of Do's and Don'ts that outline the expected standards of behaviour from children and young people engaging with BFCCT and should be read in conjunction with any other code of conduct applicable to the activity being participated in:

Do	be loyal and give your friends a second chance.
Do	be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members joining BFCCT.
Do	be supportive and committed to your team members and offer them comfort when required.
Do	keep yourself safe.
Do	report any inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for yourself and others.
Do	play fairly and be trustworthy.
Do	respect officials and accept their decisions.
Do	show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
Do	respect opponents.
Do	make our BFCCT a fun place to be.
Do	behave and listen to all instructions from BFCCT staff.
Do	show respect to other BFCCT members and staff and show team spirit.
Do	take care of equipment owned by BFCCT.
Do	respect the rights, dignity and worth of all BFCCT participants.
Do	wear suitable clothing, shoes and/or kit for the activity you are participating in.

Do Not	cheat or be violent and/or aggressive.
Do Not	get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
Do Not	use rough and/or dangerous play.
Do Not	smoke on BFCCT premises or whilst representing BFCCT at competitions.
Do Not	consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on BFCCT premises or whilst representing BFCCT.
Do Not	discriminate against anyone on any grounds.
Do Not	use bad language or racial/sectarian references.
Do Not	bully another person - which includes bullying via social media, texts and messaging.

Any minor misdemeanours or general misbehaviour will be addressed by the BFCCT staff member responsible for the activity and reported verbally to BFCCT's DSO. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially dismissal from the activity. Parents/carers will be informed at all stages.

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BFCCT will review this Code of Conduct for Children and best practice at least annually. In addition, more frequent reviews will be undertaken following a change in safeguarding legislation; following the implementation of a new activity or service which involves contact with children and/or adults at risk; following a safeguarding incident within the CCO (or one which directly concerns or affects the CCO); and/or following a significant organisational change.