



# **CHILTERN REGION EPA**

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## **CHILTERN REGION CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL COMPETITIONS**

The following Code of Conduct provides all players representing their Region with the standards of behaviour that are required to ensure that the Region is highly regarded by the other competing regions and the organisers of competitions and the associated activities.

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team and for the team to win is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost – fair play and respect for all others in the game is also of fundamental importance.

This Code is to be taken seriously but is not intended to prevent you from having an interesting and entertaining competition.

It must be remembered by all players and officials that representing your Region is an honour and that, consequently, you are in the spotlight. Your good performance and conduct will be taken as a role model by less experienced players. However, the potential to do harm to the game is considerable if you do not demonstrate the skill, sportsmanship and conduct that are expected of you.

You are to set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.

You are a recognised member of the regional team from the moment that the group meets until it disperses after the competition.

A professional conduct is expected and should be maintained at all times.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **1. TIME KEEPING**

It is your responsibility to ensure that you report on time at any occasion when such a time has been given to you. Any time notified should be considered as the latest time of reporting. Lateness is not acceptable as it usually results in the whole team being penalised.

#### **2. TRAINING SESSIONS**

By accepting an invitation to play for your Region, whether by qualification or selection, you have accepted to attend any practice and training sessions laid down by the Playing Committee and/or the Team Manager that have been published no less than 2 weeks prior to the first regional qualifier.

#### **3. ALCOHOL**

Alcohol does not assist long-term performance and should be restricted to reasonable drinking – that is drinking that does not or will not impair your performance when next you are due to play. Players are expected to comply with competition rules with respect to drinking during games or inside the playing area, and advise any supporters of those rules. Consumption of any alcohol by members of any junior team is not permitted.

#### **4. SLEEP.**

In order to maintain the concentration and mental awareness required by our sport over a long duration, it is essential that your normal night's sleep is attained before each day's play.

#### **5. DRUGS.**

The taking of any drugs is banned. If any player takes any medication on a regular basis, this should be notified to the Team Manager in advance. If drugs are prescribed to you by a doctor during the course of the Competition or Tournament, this should be notified immediately to the Team Manager.

#### **6. BEHAVIOUR**

You are expected at all times to show respect and consideration to your team members, officials and supporters, the Competition organisers (including umpires), all other players, and all spectators. You are expected to observe all the rules of the sport, the competition or tournament. Show respect to and

accept, without protest any ruling made by the competition organisers. To attend any opening or closing ceremonies and team meetings as required, and not do anything that could bring the Region into disrepute.

In addition you are expected not to use offensive, foul or abusive language during the time you are representing the Region.

#### 7. TEAM STRIP

Team strip to be worn for the avoidance of doubt is, Regional tops (t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets) and (black trousers to be supplied by the player). Only Regional tops must be worn, except in the event of rain when a player's own waterproofs may be worn.

#### 8. DISCIPLINE

The Team Manager(s) in conjunction with any disciplinary committee appointed by the Committee have delegated authority from the Chiltern Region EPA to take any actions required to deal with matters relating to the conduct of the Team. They consequently have the authority to take actions deemed necessary during the competition or propose, to the Regional Committee, any disciplinary action that may be required after the event

### **FORM OF UNDERTAKING FOR PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THEIR REGION**

Players must accept that should they be invited to represent the Chiltern Region, they will, as a member of the Team undertake to:

- 1) Abide by the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 2) Consider at all times the welfare of the team and its officials.
- 3) Support other teams from the Region when not involved in playing a game.
- 4) Notify the Team Manager immediately of any illness suffered or any other reason which may affect their capabilities as a member of the Team.
- 5) Make every effort to create the best environment to allow for optimum performance by the whole Team.
- 6) Comply with any dress regulations laid down by the Committee.
- 7) Complete as and when required any documentation required by the Committee.

Any contravention of this undertaking may render a player liable to be withdrawn immediately from the Team and/or incur any other penalty that the Committee may consider appropriate.

**By entering any regional competition you are agreeing to abide by the Chiltern Region and EPA Code of Conduct.**

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