



Team Solent Sharks WRC Code of Conduct for Players

Team Solent Sharks is proud to be a member of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby and works hard to uphold its codes of conduct. Therefore, so that Solent Sharks can continue to uphold these, as a player, we ask you to read through this code of conduct and ensure you put these into practice.

Our activities, training sessions, and competitions cannot run without you, so as a club, we are incredibly grateful for all your hard work and effort. However, to protect our members, create an enjoyable, safe environment, and protect our reputation, we ask that you conduct yourselves based on the following behaviours. As a wheelchair rugby player and a player at Solent Sharks, you must agree with and display certain behaviours – these are detailed below.

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As a player in wheelchair rugby, I will fulfil the values of the sport by adhering to the Code of Conduct as set out below.

Respect

I agree to:

- Respect the rules, regulations, and requirements of wheelchair rugby, including any competitions and/or events that I am involved in
- Respect the reputation of the sport and everyone involved in it.
 - I will not take any action or make inappropriate comments about a fellow participant, coach, official, volunteer, or member that will bring the sport or those associated with delivering the sport into disrepute
 - including making comments on social media technology, to which end I will respect Team Solent Sharks' guidance and policies on social media technology
- Respect the result of the game, and I will not offer or accept any attempts to influence the game
- Demonstrate integrity by not betting on a game that I have any involvement with
- Abide by all Team Solent Sharks policies and pay particular attention to ensuring that the requirements of the safeguarding, equality, financial, harassment, and anti-bullying policies are met, and social media guidance is followed
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat; be sporting – whether I win or lose; always respectfully acknowledge the other team and the officials at the end of the game
- Never argue with an official or participant during a game and listen to and cooperate with officials' decisions (*let the officials speak first*)
- Always act within the law



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Enjoyment

I agree to:

- Promote enjoyment of the game for myself and others. I agree to abide by this code of conduct and to actively promote it to others
- Take responsibility for creating a positive and welcoming environment which is free from the threat of intimidation and harassment (particularly amongst new or younger players)
- Never undermine others' enjoyment of the sport or my performance by drinking alcoholic drinks or smoking while undertaking any role or responsibility for children or adults at risk

Excellence

I agree to:

- Strive for excellence within the role that I undertake within wheelchair rugby and always conduct myself in an appropriate manner
- Be on time, dressed appropriately, and ready to give my full attention to the role I am carrying out within my club
 - I am dressed and strapped in my chair ready to start training at 11:00 am on a Saturday and 6:30 pm on a Tuesday so that I do not waste others' time
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport and challenge and report immediately any concerns related to the use of inappropriate or abusive language or behaviour (including potentially inappropriate relationships, bullying, harassment, discrimination, or physical violence)
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it being brought into disrepute by conducting myself in an appropriate manner
- Promote an open and transparent environment where everyone feels comfortable about raising and addressing concerns without fear of retaliation



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Teamwork

I will ensure that I:

- Acknowledge the rights of all people involved in wheelchair rugby
- Will be aware of the rights of children and adults at risk and ensure that I follow the GBWR's safeguarding policy
- Respect confidentiality and the sensitivities of information about others
- Will always recognise the achievements of others and applaud their successes
- Will control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional, and physical abuse of officials, coaches, spectators, or participants, or deliberately distracting or provoking a participant, coach, or official is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in wheelchair rugby
- Will be polite and courteous in my dealings with others in the sport
- Will seek to protect myself and others involved in the sport from verbal abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour
- Will always participate in the spirit of fair play

Trust

I agree to:

- Never abuse or misuse any relationship or position of trust, power, or influence that I hold
- Ensure that everyone can play in a fair, honest environment by rejecting cheating, following the anti-doping policies, and not taking illegal substances while involved in the sport
- Never abuse Team Solent Sharks assets for personal benefit or the benefit of anyone else

Inclusiveness

I will always:

- Seek to demonstrate my recognition of the value of the different qualities and attributes each person brings to the sport and to not use this as a reason to isolate or to bully someone
- Welcome new members, volunteers, and cooperate with members, colleagues, coaches, officials
- Take responsibility for opposing discriminatory behaviours and for promoting equality within all Solent Sharks activities by making sure each player can meet their own targets
- Acknowledge the right of anyone to have an equal opportunity to take part in the sport in a role which is suitable and appropriate to them



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Changes

Changes to this Document must be approved by the Sharks Management Committee

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