

Player Code of Conduct

1st April 2023 – 1st April 2024

Table Tennis England is dedicated to creating an environment that nurtures the enjoyment and enthusiasm of every player within our sport through a safe, positive environment. We want to empower our players to conduct themselves with a sense of personal integrity based on the acceptance of rules, fairness, equality, respect for others and a sense of what is right; where unethical behaviour, rule breaking, drug taking, or violence is automatically rejected as being irrelevant to the true purpose of Table Tennis.

I agree to:

For myself

- Always strive to show the best of myself and refrain from inappropriate conduct towards equipment or others including physical, verbal, written or emotional, in person or through use of social media; that Table Tennis England would deem unacceptable and would consequently bring the Performance Programme into disrepute.
- Not smoke or take drugs of any kind.
- Not to consume alcohol while I am competing or representative of the Performance Programme.
- Always set a good example, considering punctuality, language, behaviour, and respect of equipment and to attend all required meetings and briefings in plenty of time.
- Conduct myself in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect my own safety and the safety of others.
- Engage in all safeguarding sessions that are arranged for players.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations to a member of staff.
- Cooperate fully with my coaches and management staff.
- Cooperate and engage with additional support services from wider stakeholders that I am nominated for by Table Tennis England, including strength and conditioning and wider athlete development support.
- Embrace and commit to our whole athlete development programme.
- Represent England with pride and support my fellow teammates in international competition when there is opportunity to do so.
- Commit to the behaviours we expect in our programmes listed below:
 - Strong Drive
 - Resilience
 - Curiosity
 - Ownership
 - Gratitude
 - Respect
 - Adaptability

My equipment

- Ensure my equipment and attire is safe, well maintained and fit for purpose in training and competition.
 - Ensure that all my equipment and sport specific clothing complies with the competition/event rules and uniform guidelines.
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Domestic competitions

- Players will be required to compete at a minimum of 2 4* star events during the season.
- Players will be required to compete at the National Junior or Cadet Cup in addition to the National Championships (of their age category)

Domestic and International training

- Players will be required to attend all domestic and international training relevant to the squad they are in. These will be shared with the player to ensure as much notice as possible.
- If players are not able to make a camp due to circumstances such as international league matches, competitions, or other extenuating circumstances such as exam's, players are to let their lead coach know straight away and with as much notice as possible.

UKAD

- Players will be required to attend all UKAD sessions and workshops (both in person and online).
- Players shall be deemed to have made themselves familiar with, and hereby agrees to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules/Anti-Doping Rules of your national governing body for Table Tennis and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping and any other appropriate body in the application and enforcement of those Rules.
- Player agrees to cooperate fully with any World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body.
- The UK Anti-Doping Rules / NGB's anti-doping rules apply to all participants of the sport, including minors, and they make all participants subject to drug Testing. For the purposes of those rules, consent of a parent or guardian to the testing of a minor is deemed to follow automatically from the fact that the minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate in table tennis. Therefore, any minors participating in the sport may be subject to drug testing.
- The UK Anti-Doping Rules/ Anti-Doping Rules of Table Tennis England apply to all persons licensed (whether permanently, provisionally, temporarily or otherwise) to participate in Table Tennis for whichever is the longer of a) the length of the licence period; or b) 12 months from the date of issue of the licence, in accordance with the Table Tennis England's Regulations/Rules of Conduct - whether or not the licence holder is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.

Agreement

By signing this agreement, I agree to abide by the code of conduct and athlete agreement set out in this document. I understand that failure to abide by the code of conduct may result in any or all of the following actions being taken:

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action can be taken by Table Tennis England, and I may:

- be asked to apologise for my behaviour
- receive a verbal or written warning
- be removed from wider support programmes I have been nominated for
- be temporarily suspended from the squad
- be permanently suspended or required to leave the squad

I have read and understood the above code of conduct and agree to be bound by it.

Player Signed: _____

Name (print): _____

Date: _____

Name of Parent (if under 18) _____