

Code of Conduct for Norton Canes Chess Club

Introduction

This code of conduct outlines the expected behaviour, responsibilities, and boundaries for all volunteers, members, and parents/guardians involved in Norton Canes Chess Club. By adhering to this code, we create a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for everyone.

1. Respect and Dignity

- Treat all individuals with respect, dignity, and kindness, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or background.
- Avoid discriminatory or offensive language, behaviour, or actions.
- Always respect the personal space and boundaries of others.

2. Safeguarding and Welfare

- Members are asked not to be alone with children at any time.
- Children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Members should prioritise the welfare and safety of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved in club activities.
- Report any safeguarding concerns or disclosures promptly and follow the club's safeguarding procedures.
- Do not engage in any behaviour that could harm or endanger the well-being of others.

3. Professionalism

- Always conduct yourself in a professional manner, maintaining appropriate boundaries with other members and visitors.
- Refrain from engaging in any form of harassment, bullying, or inappropriate conduct.
- Use appropriate language and communication methods when interacting with others.

4. Fair Play and Sportsmanship

- Embrace the principles of fair play, honesty, and integrity in all chess-related activities.
- Respect the rules and regulations of the game and adhere to the decisions of officials and referees.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship, whether winning or losing, and encourage others to do the same.

5. Responsibility and Accountability

- Take responsibility for your actions and their consequences.
- Follow through on commitments and obligations related to your role within the club.
- Accept feedback and constructive criticism positively, using it as an opportunity for personal growth and improvement.

6. Confidentiality

- Respect the confidentiality of sensitive information shared within the club, including safeguarding concerns and personal details of members.
- Do not share confidential information with unauthorised individuals or on public platforms without consent.

7. Compliance with Policies and Procedures

- Familiarise yourself with and adhere to all club policies and procedures.
- Seek clarification or guidance from club officials if you are unsure about any aspect of club policies or procedures.

8. Positive Role Modelling

- Serve as a positive role model for members, demonstrating good behaviour, respect, and sportsmanship.
- Uphold the values and ethos of Norton Canes Chess Club in your actions and interactions with others.

Conclusion

By following this code of conduct, we contribute to the creation of a welcoming, safe, and respectful environment within Norton Canes Chess Club. Together, we uphold the values of integrity, fairness, and inclusivity in all our activities.

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