Southern Table Tennis Code of Conduct

• Treat each person as an individual.

• Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.

• Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

• Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.

• Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.

• Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.

• Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

• Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.

• Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.

• Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.

• Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.

• Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.

• Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.

• Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.

Players

• Give your best at all times.

• Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.

Coaches

• Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.

• Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage

with positive and supportive feedback.

• Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

• Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.

Officials

• Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.

• Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.

• Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.

Administrators

• Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.

• Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.

• Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

• Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.

Parents

• Encourage children to participate and have fun.

• Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.

• Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

Spectators

• Respect the performances and efforts of all people.

• Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.

Gambling

Our club is committed to tackling the growing presence of sports betting and gambling in our community. To support this goal, we expect that club coaches, officials and committee members will not engage in or openly discuss sports betting or other gambling activities while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.

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