

Bury Bombers Wheelchair Basketball Club - Code of Conduct

The Club's Code of Conduct has been restructured so that the parts that apply to different people are more obvious.

Please read the sections that apply to you (in shaded boxes below), and then sign the Membership Form.

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All Members of the Bury Bombers Wheelchair Basketball Club ("the Club") will follow this Code of Conduct.

A. General Conduct

- You are expected to conduct yourself in a respectable and disciplined manner at all times, on and off the court, while travelling to and from games and at any time when you are wearing Club kit in public.
- If you behave inappropriately while representing the Club, or bring the Club into disrepute in any manner, you will be dealt with in whatever manner the Club Committee sees fit.
- No Club member under 18 is permitted to consume alcohol when on club activities/events.
- You must maintain the highest level of personal hygiene at all times while involved in Club activities (including training sessions, and travelling to/from and during matches).
- No Club member may use any banned substance, as identified by UK Sport. Refer to: <http://www.ukssport.gov.uk/pages/drugfree-sport/>

B. Player responsibilities

B1. Rules

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the referee, in an appropriate manner, during a break or after the game.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and timewasting.
- Know and abide by the rules and spirit of the game, and any competition rules.

B2. Be a good sport

- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays, whether by your team or the opposition.
- Control your temper. Don't use verbal abuse towards officials or other players. Don't deliberately distract or provoke an opponent.
- Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender, race and impairment, or any inappropriate language.
- Be a fair winner and good loser.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
- Show due respect towards the opposition's team officials.
- Show due respect to all supporters.

B3. Aim to be a role model

- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Make every effort to develop your own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit, and so will you.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the result seems to be inevitable.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.

B4. Maintain conduct on court

- Accept the instructions and decisions of the Team Coach, Team Captain, Team Manager or any other Team or Match Official as FINAL, and follow them at all times without disagreement.
- If you wish to leave the court for any reason during training sessions, pre-match warm ups or during games, you must first seek the permission of the Coach.
- Make every effort to be at training, matches and other arranged events on time.
- If you know that you will not be attending a training session, match or other arranged event, you must inform the Coach or Team Manager as soon as possible.
- Inform the Coach of any injury which may have an impact on your full involvement within a normal training session or league match/tournament.
- Club training sessions may be divided into two or more parts. All players are invited to the first part of each training session, but only players which have been invited by the Head Coach will be permitted to stay for the second (or subsequent) part of each training session.
- When you attend training sessions and matches (where selected), bring sufficient drink and (if required) food and any medical equipment (which includes tape/plasters for covering blisters etc) that you will need.

B5. Attendance

- All members are expected to maintain a high level of attendance at training, other agreed events and, where they have been selected, at matches.

B6. Club wheelchairs

- If you use a Club wheelchair (that is, a wheelchair owned by the Club), you must treat that wheelchair with due care and attention at all times.
- If you wish to use a Club wheelchair, you must arrive at training early enough to help in taking the wheelchair out of the storage, and remain long enough after training to return the wheelchair to storage.
- You must report any damage, wear and tear or other repairs that are needed to a chair to a Committee member immediately.
- If you are given permission by the committee to use a Club chair at other wheelchair basketball events, this needs to be authorised through completing a Club "Wheelchair Loan Agreement Form"

C. Coach responsibilities

C1. Maintain professional standards

- Maintain association with British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) through annual registration, and licensing
- Continue personal and professional growth, remaining current on new developments in the field through continuing education.
- Use your knowledge and professional expertise for the benefit of the club.

- Respect the integrity, rights to confidentiality and the welfare of people you are working with.
- Avoid discrimination in all its forms.
- Read and implement good practice as laid down in the BWB Safety Nets Policy. All persons working with or in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults will be subject to this policy.
- Create an environment free of fear and harassment.
- Recognise the right of all athletes to be treated as individuals.
- Be aware of academic and work-related pressures placed on athletes and be flexible in your conduct of training sessions and matches.

C2. Maintain personal behaviour and conduct

- Constantly display high personal standards and project a favourable image of wheelchair basketball and of coaching.
- Be fair, honest and considerate to athletes and others involved in the club.
- Make a commitment to provide a quality service to athletes.
- Provide a safe environment that maximises benefits and minimises risks to athletes in achieving their goals.
- Ensure that all activities are suitable for the age, experience and ability of the athletes.
- Do not tolerate the use of performance-enhancing drugs.
- Educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment, and to do their best to ensure that all facilities and equipment meet safety standards.
- Consider the athlete's future health and wellbeing as foremost when making decisions regarding an injured athlete's ability to continue competing or training, and to seek and respect professional medical opinions to serve as a basis for their decisions.
- Plan to be present at all practices and competitions and, when unable to attend, organize knowledgeable and safe supervision.
- Contribute to the development of coaching as a profession by exchanging knowledge and ideas with others.
- Regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and self-awareness.

C3. Develop openness, honesty, mutual trust and respect amongst athletes (and others)

- Maintain all relationships with coaching staff and players on a professional and confidential basis.
- Don't engage in behaviour that constitutes any form of abuse or harassment (physical, sexual, emotional, neglect, bullying, etc.).
- Take action if you have a concern about the behaviour of an adult towards a child by reporting any suspected cases of abuse according to the BWB Safety Nets Policy.
- Direct comments or criticism relative to performance, and not to the athlete.
- Strive to develop individual and team respect for the ability of opponents.
- Encourage athletes to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance in training, participation and competition.
- Observe the rules of the game and encourage athletes to adhere to the spirit of the rules.
- Comply with regulations concerning transfer of players.

D. Spectator responsibilities

Athletes are not playing for the entertainment of spectators; they are playing to the best of their ability, in the spirit of the game in as a professional manner as possible. As a spectator you may be perceived as a supporter of a given club. Bear this in mind when making comments as the reputation of the club you are supporting has been earned and can easily be damaged.

As a spectator:

- Applaud good performances from each team. Congratulate all players regardless of the outcome.
- Respect the referee's decisions.
- Be positive. Don't ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during competition.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents; without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour. Don't use foul language, don't harass players, coaches or officials.
- Do not use derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.

E. Parents and Guardians

- Encourage children to participate if they are interested, but don't force them.
- Focus on playing the game, rather than on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory. It's the playing that matters.
- Encourage children to play by the rules.
- Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
- Remember that children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters, either by word or gesture.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.

F. Fundraising

- The Club constantly needs to raise funds to support all its activities and we need the help of our Members to be able to continue. All Members should make every effort to regularly attend fundraising events arranged by the Committee.

G. Welfare

- You must read and abide by the requirements of BWB's Safety Nets Policy and any additional policies the club may introduce from time to time.

H. Equal opportunities

- The Club is fully committed to the principles of the equality of opportunity and will do its utmost to ensure that there is no discrimination within the Club.
- Every person involved with the Club will be treated fairly, regardless of their race, colour, ethnic or national origins, religion, creed, age, gender, sex, parental or marital status, responsibility for dependents, social position, disability, sexual orientation, political opinion or social circumstance.