

Club Code of Conduct



Dodgeball is an inclusive sport that anyone can play. Everyone involved in the club at any level, whether as a player, coach, volunteer, parent or spectator have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and share a collective responsibility to help provide a positive environment to ensure that the reputation of the club is, and remains, high. This Code applies to all those involved in Eden Dodgeball Club. The well-being of the club depends upon there being high standards of behaviour both on and off the court.

All players, coaches, volunteers, parents and spectators are bound by the Eden Dodgeball Club Code of Conduct.

Eden Dodgeball Club is serious in its commitment to high standards of behaviour amongst all players, coaches, volunteers, parents and spectators. Any who breach the code of conduct will be subject to sanctions commensurate with the actions they have taken. Eden Dodgeball Club may also feel it is necessary to refer disciplinary matters to British Dodgeball to carry out disciplinary procedures as detailed in the policy document "British Dodgeball Sanctions".

The following outlines the types of behaviour that will support a safe, fun and inclusive club. Play your part and observe the Eden Dodgeball Club Code of Conduct.

Players

- Make a positive commitment to supporting the club develop
- Abide by all anti-doping rules and regulations at all times
- Adhere to the rules of the sport as per the British Dodgeball rules and regulations
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always play to the best of your ability and for the benefit of your team
- Promote fair play – don't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect your team mates, the other team, the referee and the coach or team manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Never engage in public criticisms of the referees
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Be gracious in victory and defeat, shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what your coach or team manager tells you
- Understand that a coach or team manager has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone you trust or the club welfare officer if you are unhappy about anything at the club
- Perform your assistant referee duties when required and to the standard expected

A player that does not follow the Eden Dodgeball Club Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by the club:

- Be required to apologise to team mates, the other team, referees, coaches, team managers or staff
- Be dropped or substituted
- Receive a warning from the coach or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the club
- Not be selected to compete for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension from competing at events
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the sport

Coaches/Team Managers

- Use your position to set a positive example for the players you are responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game, including referees, opposition players, coaches, managers, any event staff and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the referees decision
- Never enter the court without the referees permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat. A good sportsman always respects their opponents and in turn is respected too.
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities organised are appropriate for the players ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others involved in dodgeball for each players best interests

A coach that does not follow the Eden Dodgeball Club Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by the club:

- Required to meet with the club
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Be required to serve a suspension from coaching at or attending events
- Be required to leave the club
- Have your British Dodgeball Coaching Qualification withdrawn

Spectators

- Respect the referees decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain outside of the court and surrounding area and within the designated spectators area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never make personal comments about players in a way that could be deemed negative
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

A spectator that does not follow the Eden Dodgeball Club Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by the club:

- Issued with a verbal warning from the club
- Required to meet with the club welfare officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to leave the event venue
- Requested by the club not to attend future events
- Be required to serve a suspension from attending events

The nature of the sport means games are short and intense, getting out is part of the game and it happens to everyone (including the best players in the world). Getting out should not be seen as a negative reflection on performance - and should not result in poor reactions which reflect bad sportsmanship.