

Code of Ethics & Behaviour

What is the Code of Ethics & Behaviour?

The Bowls Development Alliance (BDA), as the umbrella organization for the sport of bowls, has produced this document on behalf of the family of bowls in order to uphold the highest standards of integrity and ensure that the reputation and values of the sport remain intact.

It clearly lays out the responsibilities everyone has to ensure the sport can be enjoyed by all.

Who does the code apply to?

The BDA have in conjunction with the National Governing Bodies of bowls, set the standards that apply to everyone involved in the sport including staff, club officials, coaches and volunteers.

What is the purpose of the Code?

The Code of Ethics and Behaviour has been produced to protect everyone in the sport and to ensure that there is equal access and opportunity for everyone and that fairness and respect is upheld.

This code will allow the sport to ensure that the sports moral and ethical values will be followed across the whole family of bowls.

Generic Code of Ethics & Behaviour

This applies to everyone in the sport regardless of role

- Always participate in the right spirit showing respect for others.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Take reasonable measures to protect your own safety and the safety of others.
- Always promote the sport in the best possible light.
- Protect yourself from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behavior.
- Abide by the bowls Equality Policy.
- Abide by the bowls Safeguarding Policy, Guidelines and Templates.
- Take appropriate action if there is evidence that the code is being abused.

Code of Ethics & Behaviour for NGB staff and volunteers, Clubs and County Associations.

This group has an essential role to play in upholding and implementing the code. All should be advocates of equality, fair play and safety. In addition to the generic ethics and behaviours the following are more specific to the roles of this group.

- Operate within the letter and spirit of the code
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect
- Listen carefully to all stakeholders and respect their views
- Promote the bowls Safeguarding Policy, Guidelines and Templates
- Promote the Equality Policy

Code of Ethics & Behaviour for Players

In addition to the generic ethics and behaviours the following are more specific to this group.

- Respect other players, coaches, spectators, officials and umpires.
- Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Accept success and failure
- Set a positive example for young participants and spectators
- Never use foul, sexist, abusive, racist or any prejudicial language and do not tolerate it from anyone else.