



CLUB RULES AND ETIQUETTES

The aim of the club is to provide a friendly and enjoyable experience to all participants; all members are expected to behave in a manner that contributes to this positive ethos.

The club believes that it is important that everyone associated with it should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Members are required to abide by the following club rules (R) and etiquettes (E)

- Play within the spirit as well as within the letter of the laws of Table Tennis and respect equipment, opponents, officials and their decisions. (R)
- Recognise fair play and acknowledge good performances as well as good results. (E)
- Use appropriate language at all times. (R)
- Keep to scheduled timings or inform team captain or organiser as soon as possible of late arrival or potential late completion of formal matches. (R)
- Wear suitable non-marking indoor sports footwear, sports shirt, shorts/skirt/tracksuit bottoms for playing sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager. (R)
- Pay all fees for club subscriptions, training, matches or events promptly when due. (R)
- The use of illegal/prohibited substances is not allowed on club premises, nor are members permitted to participate in club activities whilst under the influence of illegal/prohibited substances. (R)
- During open club sessions all members are encouraged to act as a 'practice partner' for the benefit of not so strong players. (E)
- Report to the Welfare Officer (or Duty Officer) incidents of abuse (including harassment, bullying, discrimination, assault or violence). Serious incidents may be reported to Table Tennis England for consideration of disciplinary action. (R)
- If appropriate bring any medication that may be required and notify the person in charge of the session (Coach/Duty Officer) of any specific requirements. (R)
- Abide by all club codes of conduct and policies. (R)
- Members playing in a match are requested not to use the practice tables when other members are waiting for a game. (E)
- If you are amongst the last people practising please help in putting the tables and court surrounds away.(E)
- All club members over the age of 16 are expected to assist with the putting up and taking down of tables. Younger players can take down nets, stack the court surrounds, pick up litter, roll tables into the storage space and so on but see next rule. Remember we are all volunteers, every little helps and many hands makes light work. (E)



- For health and safety purposes club members under the age of 16 should not put up or take down any tables, but see above etiquette. (R)
- Do not walk into a court whilst the competing players are in the middle of a point. As well as it being manners there is a health and safety issue. (R)
- Social networking sites (such as, but not exclusively, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter etc.) are a useful way for keeping in touch with friends, family and club members, and are also a great way to exchange information. However, members must not forget that what they post on social networking sites may be seen across these networks, and are reminded that they must not bring Whittlesey Table Tennis Club into disrepute or cause any distress to any other member. (R)