**NAME OF CLUB**

**Code of Conduct - Parents of youth members**

NAME OF CLUB is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members, ensuring a positive and enjoyable experience for all. The club believes that it is important that members, volunteers, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the club’s Secretary.

As a responsible parent/carer of an athlete aged under 18, I will:

* abide by the club’s Constitution and rules, and by the Irish Squash and club’s Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Procedures
* demonstrate respectful behaviour at all times, maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers
* set a good example and encourage my child to learn the rules of the sport and compete within them at all times. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
* help my child to recognise good performance and not just results
* Make squash fun
* never force my child to take part in sport if they do not want to. Take an interest in my child’s sport and support the child’s participation in their chosen activity.
* never punish or belittle my child for losing or making mistakes
* Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks
* use correct and appropriate language at all times. Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.
* check the qualifications and licences of people who are coaching or managing my child, or offering a service connected to squash such as physiotherapy, massage or nutritional advice
* know exactly where my child will be and who they will be with at all times
* return any necessary written consent forms to the club/team manager or appropriate person, including next of kin details, health and medical requirements before my child goes to any away events or trips
* provide any necessary medical information and medication that my child needs for training or trips away
* report any concerns about my child’s (or any other child’s) welfare to the Club Children officer. (This does not affect your right to contact your local Social Services or the Gardai if you feel it is necessary)
* in no way undermine, put down or belittle athletes, coaches or practitioners. Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question their judgment or honesty. Respect Designated Persons, coaches, umpires, youth organisers, managers and other players.
* Pay any club fees for my child or events fee as required by club Constitution or event organiser

I understand that inappropriate pressure on children and poor behaviour of adult spectators can sometimes make children drop out of sport. I accept that this code promotes good spectator behaviour, and understand that if I verbally abuse children, coaches or officials, action will be taken.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action can be taken by my club and I may:

* be asked to apologise for my behaviour
* receive a verbal or written warning from the club committee
* be suspended from attending club activities
* be suspended from the club
* be required to leave the club.

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