



BHA

CODES OF CONDUCT

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By playing, coaching, supporting, administrating or officiating in the BHA you agree to abide by the codes of conduct listed below and accept any resulting disciplinary action taken in the event of any violations.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules – the Rules & Regulations of your club and the laws of the game set out by the BHA and the FIHB. Adhere to the unwritten spirit of the game
- Attend matches on time as scheduled by the administrators. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, players will inform their club as soon as practical.
- Act respectfully toward the players and officials of your own and opposing clubs and of the BHA. Treating others as you wish to be treated yourself.
- Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and club officials.
- Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language is unacceptable.
- Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may be seen as spectators to be offensive.
- Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.
- Treat all horses with consideration, do not harm them and ensure they are cared for with the maximum of effort. Abuse or neglect should be reported to officials if witnessed.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of all venues and the BHA.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the clubs or the BHA.
- Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the BHA which is discriminatory or offensive. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

TEAM GB ADDITIONAL

- Show respect to your coaches and fellow players.
- Do not question a coach's decision either during training sessions or whilst competing.
- Behave appropriately at all times whilst representing Team GB.
- Attend training sessions and matches on time as advised by the coaches. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, players will inform the coaches as soon as practical.
- Keep your horse fit and looking well and seek advice if you are struggling to achieve this.
- Concentrate on your game and your horse. Leave the organisation to the people who have been elected to do it for you, if your help is needed it will be asked for.
- Accept that being selected for the team doesn't guarantee you a game; this is at the discretion of the coach.
- Be supportive. Negative attitudes or disrespecting of team mates will not be accepted.
- If you are not selected for a game, stay in good spirits and support the team in assisting team mates getting ready.
- Failure to adhere to these rules may result in: being dropped from the team or an international suspension for a period of time.

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses, supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, officials, administrators and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise officials, rather raise personal concerns with club officials in private
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Abusive language is unacceptable.
- Treat all horses with consideration, do not harm them and ensure they are cared for with the maximum of effort. Abuse or neglect should be reported to officials if witnessed.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of all venues and the BHA.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
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COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Set a good example and display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.
- Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.
- Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.
- Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game and teach and interpret these to the players.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Horseball, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill.
- Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance at training and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season may be influenced by their training attendance and attitude.
- Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.
- Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- Display and foster respect for opponents, coaches, administrators, officials, parents and spectators.
- Abide by the laws of the game set out by BHA and the FIHB. Adhere to the unwritten spirit of the game and avoiding deliberately using loopholes in the rules to gain a competitive advantage.
- Ensure horse welfare is of paramount concern at all times.
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- Respect the facilities and equipment of all venues and the BHA.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
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ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Abide by and apply the laws of the game set out by BHA and the FIHB.
- Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Horseball.
- Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, officials and administrators.
- Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of the participants.
- Establish that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique provide adequate supervision.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Assist all participants in Horseball to know and understand the rules.
- Set a conduct example for others to follow.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- Make it clear that abusing people or horses in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Maintain communication with members through appropriate channels.
- Ensure horse welfare is of paramount concern at all times. Investigate any report of abuse or neglect.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
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OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Abide by and apply the laws of the game set out by BHA and the FIHB.
- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
- Be honest in your assessment of situations.
- Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Communicate clearly any decisions made.
- Condemn deliberate fouls as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
- Use common sense to ensure the spirit of the game for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of rules as laid down by the BHA and FIHB and seek continual self-improvement.
- Check equipment and facilities are safe.
- The health and safety of the players and horses must be the most important reason to be weighed in during the decision making process.
- Ensure horse welfare is of paramount concern at all times. Investigate any report of abuse or neglect.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
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