South Wales Goalball Club:

Players Code of Conduct

The club is committed to providing good quality Goalball in a safe environment. This Code of Conduct sets the standards and expectations of players involved with the club. It has been developed to encourage standards of good practice and to protect the welfare and wellbeing of all those involved in the game, particularly young players themselves.

As a registered member of South Wales Goalball Club (and by extension the governing body Goalball UK), when taking part in club related events (i.e. training, socials, open days, camps etc.) you agree to abide by the following minimum standards of behaviour that are expected of you.

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- Show respect and fair play to your opponents and teammates
- Play within the rules of the game
- Encourage, support and co-operate with your team-mates and other club-members
- Respect the officials and accept all decisions without question
- Respect all other club members/associates including officials, visitors, coaches and volunteers
- All participants should be punctual at all events and helpful in the preparation for training, and in dismantling the equipment at the end of the day
- Every participant should accept that everyone may play Goalball, no matter what religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, nationality or political view they hold
- Participants should not be under the influence of alcohol or recreational drugs during any event
- If you have any concerns or worries about yourself or another club member in relation to safeguarding etc. - this should be reported to Megan Price (Club Welfare Officer)
- Disrespectful behaviour includes (but is not limited to) any of the following : bullying / intimidatory behaviour / abusive language / regular use of bad language particularly when under 16s are present / swearing at other

members of the club, at an opposing team member or an official / rude behaviour which disrupts the course of a training session / Insults or insensitive jokes or remarks / Hostile notes, emails, text messages, messages in Facebook or Whatsapp groups / Sexual harassment, sexual innuendo / derogatory, critical comments on the opposite sex./ chronic lateness in arriving for training sessions/ Verbal threats / Threat of inflicting physical force, harm or damage./ Racist or homophobic comments.

- Breaches of the Code of Conduct will trigger the following disciplinary responses from the club :

(1) The first time a player behaves inappropriately in front of the team, coaches or support staff/volunteers, then one of the coaches will immediately pull that player aside individually and address the matter directly. The coach must make it clear to the player what behaviours are unacceptable in the culture of the club. In the days following the training session a copy of the player's signed Code of Practice form will be sent / emailed to them as a reminder of the standards of conduct expected of club members.

(2) If the inappropriate behaviour is not modified during the rest of the training session or continues after a week or two of the coach addressing it directly with the player, then, if the player is under 16, the coach will ask the parent(s)/ carer(s) to be involved in the next discussion with the player. The coaches will ask the parents to support mature behaviour by their child so that it benefits the team, respects the staff and aids in the growth of the player and the club.

(3) If the disrespectful behaviour of the player still does not change, then the coach will involve two Committee Members of the club in the discussion with the player and parents and in the issuing by the club of a first written warning.

(4) After that step is taken, if the misbehaviour still continues, the coach will involve two Committee Members of the club in the issuing of a second and final written warning to the player.

(5) In the event that the disrespectful behaviour of the player still persists,and in the event of anything not covered above, the Club Committee will draw together (within 2 weeks of the latest breach of the Code of conduct by the player in question) a disciplinary panel to address the matter of terminating the player's membership of the club.

Our overarching goal in all in South Wales Goalball Club is to keep people involved in the game of goalball for a lifetime. However, players, coaches, staff and volunteers must agree to abide by the club's Codes of Conduct for everyone's wellbeing and enjoyment of the sport.

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you enjoy your time at the club!