

Lincolnshire Badminton Association (LBA)
Player, Coach, Parent & Spectator
Code of Conduct

1. PURPOSES

The purposes of this Code are:

- 1.1 to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for LBA sanctioned tournaments, and to protect the players' rights and the respective rights of the LBA, sponsors, and the public.
- 1.2 to uphold the good name of the LBA and the integrity of the sport of Badminton.

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 This Code is applicable to all LBA sanctioned tournaments, the players and coaches Participating in them and all parents and spectators attending the tournaments.
- 2.2 All players shall be subject to the Code and the Laws of Badminton. Each player who is entered or nominated to participate in a LBA sanctioned tournament shall accept this Code, the Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton and then, in effect, is bound by them.
- 2.3 Any person who commits any offence defined in sections 3 and 4 shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the person.

3. PLAYER'S ON-SITE OFFENCES

3.1 Inappropriate conduct

- 3.1.1 During any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of an LBA sanctioned tournament, not conducting oneself in an honourable and sportsmanlike manner.
- 3.1.2 Before, during and after any match does not comply with the goodwill formalities such as thanking Technical Officials, shaking hands with opposing players, etc. Players must thank their opponents and umpire before leaving the field of play to celebrate with their Coach or the crowd.

3.2 Failure to complete a match / Failure to use best efforts

Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so. Not using one's best efforts to win a match.

3.3 Trying to influence line judges

Trying to influence the decision of line judges by arm, hand, racket gestures, or orally.

3.4 Seeking coaching

Seeking coaching during play except as permitted under the Laws. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach/parent may be construed as coaching.

3.5 Audible obscenity

Using words commonly known and understood in any language to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the umpire or spectators.

3.6 Visible obscenity

Making of gestures or signs with the hands, racket or shuttle that commonly have an obscene or offensive meaning.

3.7 Abuse of shuttle

3.7.1 Intentionally hitting a shuttle dangerously or recklessly within or out of the court. Hitting a shuttle with negligent disregard for the consequences, or deliberately damaging a shuttle.

3.7.2 Deliberately tampering with the shuttle to affect its flight or speed.

3.8 Abuse of racket or equipment

Intentionally and violently destroying or damaging rackets and other equipment. Intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixtures during a match.

3.9 Oral abuse

Making a statement within the precincts of the tournament site, directed at an official, opponent, coach, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

3.10 Physical abuse

Physically abusing an official, opponent, coach, spectator or other person. Even the unauthorised touching of such persons may be regarded as physical abuse.

3.11 Unsportsmanlike conduct

Conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport.

4. PLAYER'S MAJOR OFFENCES

4.1 Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game

Engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton. If a player is convicted of serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of Badminton.

4.2 Wagers

Wagering anything of value in connection with a tournament in which one will be, or is, competing.

4.3 Bribes or other payments

Offering, giving, soliciting, or accepting, or agreeing to offer, give, solicit, or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or the result of a match in any LBA sanctioned tournament.