
PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. PURPOSES

The purposes of this Code are:

- 1.1. to establish a standard of acceptable behaviour for players of Badminton in New Zealand.
- 1.2. to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct of Badminton New Zealand sanctioned and Inter-association events,
- 1.3. to protect the players' rights and the respective rights of Badminton NZ, sponsors, and the public;
- 1.4. to uphold the good name of Badminton New Zealand and the integrity of the sport of badminton both in New Zealand and world-wide.

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 This Code is applicable to all the following events and the players participating in them: Badminton NZ sanctioned events, Inter Association, June Bevan and CP Maddern.
- 2.2 All players, at all times, shall be subject to the Code and the Laws of Badminton. Each player who is entered or nominated to participate in a BNZ sanctioned event shall accept this Code, the Competition Regulations and the Laws of Badminton and then, in effect, is bound by them.
- 2.3 Any player who commits any offence defined in Regulations 4 to 6 shall be deemed to have breached this Code. Breaches of the Code constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the player.
- 2.4 Other policy that may be applicable is the Clothing Code, Harassment Policy and Misconduct Policy.

3. FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Standards of conduct can be problematic as in some situation they can seem too restrictive yet in other situations can seem not restrictive enough. Therefore the principles that underlie this code of conduct are important and reflect the spirit of the law that needs adherence

- 3.1 Respect for all other people and their property including avoidance of harassment or discrimination of any kind.
- 3.2 Uphold the reputation of Badminton NZ and the sport of Badminton
- 3.3 Participation in a manner in keeping with good sportsmanship

4. PLAYER COMMITMENT AND ENTRY OFFENCES

4.1 Late withdrawal

Withdrawing from either the qualifying or main draw after publication of the draw without evidence or proof of "bona fide" injury, illness, bereavement or emergency situation.

4.2 Playing another event

Having entered and been accepted into either the qualifying or main draw of a BNZ sanctioned event and playing in another badminton event during the period of that event.

4.3 Playing after declaring non-availability due to injury

Withdrawing from a future event due to injury or illness and playing in any badminton event during the period between the date of notification of injury/illness and the said event from which the player has withdrawn.

4.4 Making travel arrangements which would preclude the player from participation in scheduled matches or interfere with their commitment to attend a required drug test

5. PLAYER ON SITE OFFENCES

5.1 Inappropriate conduct

5.1.1

During any match or at any time while within the precincts of the site of a Badminton NZ sanctioned or Inter-association event, not conducting oneself in an honourable and sports-person-like manner.

5.1.2

Before, during and after any match does not comply with the goodwill formalities such as thanking the Technical Officials, shaking hands with opposing players etc.

5.2 Dress violations

5.2.1 Failure to comply with the Badminton NZ approved clothing regulations.

5.2.2 Failing to comply with the conditions of entry of each event with regard to clothing and advertising regulations.

5.3 Failure to complete a match

Failing to complete a match in progress unless reasonably unable to do so.

5.4 Late arrival for match/no match

5.4.1 Arriving late for a match, resulting in a No Show

5.4.2 Withdrawing from any event in a tournament whilst still fit enough to compete on the same day in another event in that said tournament, i.e. players may not default without good reason from one event to concentrate their efforts in another during the same tournament.

5.5 Failure to use best efforts

Not using one's best efforts to win a match

5.6 Trying to influence line judges

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

5.7 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 may be construed as coaching.

5.8 Failure to fulfil media obligations

5.8.1 Unless injured and physically unable to appear, failing to attend any post-match media conference organised after the conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, providing that this does not interfere with the preparation for the player's next match.

5.8.2 Failure to assist with the promotion of an event and the game in general. A player must be willing to participate on request in at least one appropriate activity of not more than one

hour's duration (such as autograph signing, special functions and other promotional activities)

5.9 Violating ceremony protocol

When participating in the finals of an event, not participating in the final ceremonies directly after the match or not wearing the style of clothing (eg tracksuit, uniform) requested by the organisers.

5.10 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.

5.11 Visible obscenity

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

5.12 Abuse of shuttle

5.12.1 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.

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

5.13 Abuse of racket or equipment

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

5.14 Verbal abuse

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

5.15 Physical abuse

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

5.16 Unsportsmanlike conduct

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

6. PLAYER'S MAJOR OFFENCES

6.1 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.

6.2 Wagers.

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

6.3 Bribes or other payments.

Offering, giving, soliciting, 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 BNZ sanctioned or inter-association event.

7. PENALTIES

- 7.1** Badminton NZ reserves the right to impose a penalty on any player for breaching this code of conduct. Consideration will be given to the severity of the infringement and action taken at the time by the team manager or Technical Official/s as per 16.7.2 of the Laws of Badminton (1/1/2009).
- 7.2** Penalties imposed may be a financial fine, suspension, withholding prize money, removal from a squad or team indefinitely or for a determined period of time, or some other penalty appropriate to the breach of this Code of Conduct.
- 7.3** Where a breach of this code of Conduct occurs the player must be notified in writing within 7 days of the breach. Notification must include details of the breach and a reasonable opportunity for the player to give a defensive explanation in writing.
- 7.4** A decision regarding a breach will be notified in writing no later than 21 days after the breach occurrence.
- 7.5** For breaches of this code of conduct in an Inter Association tie the matter will be determined by the Inter Association Sub Committee and ratified by the Board of Badminton NZ. For all other Badminton NZ sanctioned events the matter will be determined by the Badminton NZ Events Director and ratified by the Board of Badminton NZ.
- 7.6** Appeals can be lodged with the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand and all penalties will remain operative unless the Sports Tribunal decide otherwise.