

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. West Australian's Official Party to Australian Eight Ball Championships Code of Conduct

Entry into any State Seeding Tournaments or other events which would qualify a player for selection in a State Eight-Ball Team are conditional upon signature of this Code of Conduct prior to commencement of play.

Persons Required to Sign Code of Conduct:

- I. The Open State Team Representatives
- II. The State Women's Team Representatives
- III. The Masters Team Representatives
- IV. Delegates to the Australian Federation
- V. Committee Persons
- VI. The State Team Managers
- VII. All other West Australian members and supporters.

The Code

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to abide by the following clauses, rules and conditions:

- I. Members of the Official Party shall show due respect to all officials, players and spectators present at the Australian Championships
- II. All members of the Official Party who are issued with uniforms shall wear them at the Australian Championship venue during matches.
- III. Each member of the Official Party who is issued with a State Team jacket shall keep that jacket in good condition and in his/her possession for a period of at least twelve months from the date of issue.
- IV. Each member of the Official Party who is issued with State Team shirts shall keep at least one of those shirts in good condition and in his/her possession for a period of at least twelve months from the date of issue.
- V. Any member of the Official Party who is awarded a trophy, cup or prize (other than a monetary prize) shall keep that award in good condition and in his/her possession for a period of at least 12 months from the date of issue. In the case where the award is perpetual, until such time as that member is called upon to return the award.
- VI. No member of the Official Party, with the exception of the State Team Captain and Vice Captain, shall criticize a Western Australian player over a shot or game played.
- VII. The State Team Captain and Vice Captain are the only persons a player may approach with queries regarding State Team selection. Any other form of decision regarding selection will be in breach of this code.
- VIII. Specific rules set down by the State Team Captain, Vice Captain and Team Managers will be adhered to by all players where those specific rules conform to the general objects of this code.

- IX. An Executive Committee may be appointed prior to the State Teams' departure which is empowered to call an "emergency" meeting to deal with situations which may arise while away at the Nationals.
- X. The Australian Sports Commission has directed the Australian Eight-Ball Federation and each member State and Territory, that the following rule must be included in the By-laws of the aforementioned Eight-Ball Associations: - "Any member of this Federation, using illegal drugs at any venue of the Federation where organised 8-Ball (pool) is being played, will NOT represent the Federation or the State or Territory from which they come, at any level." The recognition of the sport of Eight Ball by the governing body of sport in Australia is dependent upon the rule being adopted. Therefore, the rule as written becomes a condition of this code.
- XI. Alcohol abuse and/or bad language by a member of the Official Party will be in breach of this code.
- XII. Gambling on the result of Eight Ball games on licensed premises is ILLEGAL and is therefore not condoned.
- XIII. Any other act committed by a member of the Official Party which could bring the game of Eight Ball, Western Australia or the West Australian Eight-Ball Federation into disrepute will be in breach of this code.
- XIV. As the game of Eight Ball grows, the requests by sponsors for participation in exhibition matches, coaching, photo sessions, television appearances etc. become more frequent. In such cases, the elected officials of the West Australian Eight-Ball Federation may generally not be qualified to satisfy these requests. Therefore we require a commitment from our high achievers (being the persons listed at (a) and (b) under definitions) to make themselves available, for up to 20 hours per player during the twelve months following State Team selection, to participate in the aforementioned public relations exercises.
- XV. The West Australian Eight-Ball Federation's Committee shall decide which exercises qualify as public relations exercises. These persons will also be required to allocate one morning for coaching of the Junior Development Squad.
- XVI. All signatories to this Code of Conduct undertake that their behaviour at Seeding or other Tournaments which may lead to State Team selection and their behaviour whilst at an AEBF National Championship will be of the highest order.
- XVII. As a result of misconduct or misbehaviour which causes a Player or Official to be sent home or as a result of a Player or Official choosing to leave the team without written consent, the Committee has at its discretion the right to recover from that person any expenses which the Federation has incurred in respect of that persons attendance at the Nationals.
- XVIII. The Dress Code at State Seeding Tournaments or other official Federation competitions is as set down by the Tournament Director of the event.
- XIX. At State Seeding Tournament number one, all games in Round One will be adjudicated by the top thirty-two seeded players present. At all subsequent State Seeding Tournaments, all games in Round One will be adjudicated by the top seeded players present on the current State Selection List. Failure to observe this requirement will result in a \$20.00 fine.

- XX. It must be understood that if any of the aforementioned clauses, rules and conditions are breached, members of the Official Party may be fined, suspended (from National, State and/or local competition) and may also be liable to penalties allowed for under clauses of the West Australian Eight-Ball Federation's Constitution and Procedural Policies.

2. Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches are required to sign the WAEBF Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Coaching Accreditation requirement.

3. Players Code of Conduct (leagues, tournaments, events)

- I. Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game
- II. Never argue with an umpire or other official
- III. Control your temper – the WAEBF will not accept any verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, if any situation of this conduct is reported to the WAEBF, it will be actioned according to the complaint management policy.
- IV. Treat all players fairly and with respect.
- V. Endorse eight ball etiquette by avoiding walking or standing in front of anyone's line of shot, no talking or yelling during your opponents shot.
- VI. Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills
- VII. Recognise and applaud all good play
- VIII. Be a good sport - win with modesty, lose with dignity
- IX. Display consistently high standards of behaviour
- X. Shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the ground of gender, race, disability, age, religious or political belief, sexual orientation, social background, ethnic origin, language, marital or civil partnership status or pregnancy
- XI. Shall not use foul language or abusive language or gestures towards match officials or spectators
- XII. Shall not commit a doping offence in accordance with the ASADA Code
- XIII. Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity for you to play the game and enjoy the sporting environment.
- XIV. Must ensure that the game is played and conducted in accordance with disciplined and sporting behaviour and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon that match officials to maintain those principles
- XV. Shall not repeatedly breach the laws of the game Shall accept and observe the authority and decisions of match officials and all other disciplinary bodies

XVI. Shall promote the reputation of the game and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute

4. Parents, Supporters & Officials Code of Conduct (leagues, tournaments, events)

- I. Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game
- II. Encourage participation, but don't force it
- III. Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
- IV. Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade
- V. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated
- VI. Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time
- VII. Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private
- VIII. Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal
- IX. Be on your best behaviour. Do not use profane language or harass, physically or verbally, players, managers, coaches, match officials or other spectators
- X. Applaud all good play by your own team and the other team
- XI. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game
- XII. Never ridicule or scold a participant for making a mistake during a game
- XIII. Never condone the use of violence and verbal abuse
- XIV. Respect the match officials' decisions. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes makes an honest error
- XV. Encourage players always to play according to the Rules of the Game
- XVI. Know the Rules of the Game to better understand what you are looking at and commenting on
- XVII. Shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the ground of gender, race, disability, age, religious or political belief, sexual orientation, social background, ethnic origin, language, marital or civil partnership status or pregnancy

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____