

WIMBORNE
BOXING CODE OF
CONDUCT

1. Introduction

Wimborne Boxing Club (WBC) is committed to maintaining a respectful, safe, and positive environment for all members, staff, volunteers, and visitors. This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected from everyone involved in the club.

2. General Conduct

- **Respect:** Treat everyone with respect, courtesy, and consideration, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, ability, or background.
- **Behaviour:** Act in a manner that promotes the positive image of WBC and avoids behaviour that could bring the club into disrepute.
- **Commitment:** Be punctual, prepared, and committed to all training sessions, competitions, and events.
- **Sportsmanship:** Show good sportsmanship by being fair, respectful, and gracious in victory and defeat.

3. Safety and Welfare

- **Physical Safety:** Follow all safety guidelines and use equipment properly to avoid injury to yourself and others.
- **Well-being:** Prioritize your well-being and that of others by reporting any health or safety concerns to the staff immediately.
- **Abuse and Harassment:** Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, bullying, or discrimination. Report any incidents of such behaviour to the Safeguarding Officer or appropriate authority.
- **Drugs and Alcohol:** Abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol, and any performance-enhancing substances before or during club activities.

4. Training and Competition

- **Respect for Coaches:** Listen to and follow the instructions of coaches and trainers. Respect their decisions and guidance.
- **Effort and Attitude:** Always give your best effort in training and competitions, maintaining a positive attitude and encouraging others to do the same.
- **Teamwork:** Support your fellow club members, fostering a team spirit and helping to create a positive and inclusive environment.

5. Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

- **Boundaries:** Maintain appropriate boundaries and avoid situations where you are alone with a child or vulnerable adult.
- **Physical Contact:** Ensure that any physical contact is appropriate, necessary for the activity, and consensual.
- **Reporting:** Report any concerns about the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult to the Safeguarding Officer immediately.

6. Social Media and Communication

- **Appropriate Use:** Use social media and communication platforms responsibly and appropriately, refraining from posting or sharing content that could harm the club's reputation or individuals' privacy.
- **Respectful Communication:** Communicate respectfully and professionally with all members, staff, and volunteers, both in person and online.

7. Facilities and Equipment

- **Respect for Facilities:** Treat the club's facilities and equipment with care and respect. Report any damage or issues to the staff promptly.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep training areas clean and tidy. Dispose of waste properly and leave spaces as you found them.

8. Club Representation

- **Ambassadorship:** Represent WBC positively at all times, whether at the club, during competitions, or in the community.
- **Dress Code:** Wear appropriate clothing and protective gear for all training sessions and competitions as advised by the coaches.

9. Conflict Resolution

- **Addressing Issues:** Address any conflicts or grievances promptly and respectfully through the appropriate channels, such as speaking with a coach or the Safeguarding Officer.
- **Mediation:** Participate in mediation or conflict resolution processes if required, aiming for a fair and amicable resolution.

10. Disciplinary Actions

- **Compliance:** Understand that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the club.
- **Fair Process:** Any disciplinary actions will be conducted fairly, with the opportunity for the individual to explain their actions.

11. Acknowledgment

All members, staff, volunteers, and visitors must acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. This acknowledgment will be documented during the membership or induction process.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, we can ensure that Wimborne Boxing Club remains a safe, respectful, and enjoyable place for everyone involved. Thank you for your commitment to upholding these standards.