

Cambridge University Volleyball Club (CUVC)

CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

CUVC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience.

All those involved in CUVC activities, whether they are involved as participants, coaches, officials or spectators, are therefore required to adhere to the standards of behaviour – set out within this Code of Conduct - and to support the mission of CUVC. This Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure the highest possible standards of competition and sportsmanship as well as promoting fairness, honesty and positive behaviour in relation to the conduct of all those representing CUVC.

OUR COMMITMENT

CUVC respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person involved in its activities. CUVC is committed to team members enjoying volleyball in an environment free from discrimination, intimidation, harassment and abuse. CUVC believes that it is the responsibility of all of its members to challenge discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

AFFILIATIONS

CUVC is governed by its constitution, which is registered with the Sports Committee of the University of Cambridge. This Code of Conduct is in addition to, and by no means replaces, the standards set by that constitution, the student's individual college and the overarching regulations of the University.

CUVC is also affiliated to Volleyball England and abides by their regulations regarding their respective competitions.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

Members of CUVC are solely responsible for their conduct when representing the club. Members **must** therefore:-

- Respect the rights, dignity and values of others;
- Operate within the rules of the sport.
- Treat facilities, staff and students at the University of Cambridge and other institutions with respect and abide by any rules that may apply;
- Be aware of how their actions may be perceived by others;
- Maintain high standards of personal behaviour at all times;
- Conduct themselves in a reasonable manner relating to offensive language and temperament
- Refrain from any form of bullying or harassment of others. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.
- Respect the decisions of officials, making all appeals through the appropriate formal process and respecting the final decision;
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of bullying, harassment or discrimination if witnessed;
- Refrain from the use of and involvement with illegal substances at all times.
- Not act in an unlawful manner;
- Not encourage or pressure others into acting against the code;
- keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Understand the repercussions of any breaches of this Code of Conduct.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

CUVC is strongly committed to encouraging members to take part, but the health, well-being and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern. The Club will therefore take all reasonable steps to ensure that all its activities are safe in line with the Club Safety Policy.

To support the Club, all members are expected to:-

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what they do or not do.
- Co-operate with the club on health and safety issues.
- Correctly use all equipment provided by the club.
- Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.
- Ensure that they update the club and coaches with any medical information or changes to emergency contact details.

ANTI-DOPING

Members of the Club must adhere to the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code.

Please note that Team Members could potentially be subject to random testing during competitions, particularly those at competing at National Level and above. Club Members caught with banned substances in their system will be subject to disciplinary proceedings

PUBLICATIONS, INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA

CUVC wishes to promote the club positively both within the University and externally. It recognises that its publications, online, print and social media are important tools in recruiting new members and engaging with alumni and potential sponsors. It is the responsibility of all CUVC members to manage their personal social media presence responsibly. As such, all members are responsible for ensuring that they:-

- Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players or judges and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
- Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications.
- Identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos or videos, give credit to the original publisher or author.
- Review responses to online posts and resolve any concerns before they are posted.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social functions form an important part of a club's activities. CUVC is committed to ensuring that all students are able and encouraged to participate in student activities in an atmosphere free from discrimination or fear. As such, CUVC will aim to organise a range of social events that are as inclusive as possible. Members should be aware that:-

- Participation in any form of social activity is completely optional.
- They must not force others to participate in initiations and/or other social and sporting events run by the CUVC.
- Members must be made aware that they can opt-out of social activities without fear of undue pressure, reprisal or any other form of discrimination at any point.

FINANCES

Resident members of the club are required to pay fees annually covering all regular training sessions and the strength and conditioning sessions, the affiliation and registration fees for competitions and Volleyball England, the travel to away matches and the court hire and referee costs for home games as well as the varsity match. Additional tournaments/competitions that a team qualifies for are paid for separately to the annual fee.

- Players should pay any fees for training, matches or events promptly, by the agreed deadline, except under extenuating circumstances discussed with club officers.

BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Action may be applied when a member of the Club brings the CUVC into disrepute, breaches the Code of Conduct or engages in any activity that adversely affects the smooth running of the Club in a major way.

Should a serious breach of the Code of Conduct be identified, the relevant Team Captain and Club President in consultation with the Senior Treasurer, may suspend a member from CUVC activities pending further investigation, they may then make a decision about expulsion or return to the club.

In the event of an expulsion, the excluded member is required to return all equipment, documents and finances belonging to the Society within 7 days. He/she will not be entitled to any full or partial refund of annual subscriptions.

If the excluded or suspended member wishes to appeal the decision, that appeal should be made to the Senior Treasurer, who will consider all the facts, and whose decision will be final. An appeal as to the process of exclusion, but not a further investigation into the facts, may be lodged with the Sports Committee of the University.

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