LIGHTWATER JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB (LJBC)
CODES OF CONDUCT

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Lightwater Junior Badminton Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open in sharing any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Chairperson, Welfare Officer or Head Junior Coach.

As a member of Lightwater Junior Badminton Club, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- All members must play within the rules and laws of the game and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, cultural background or religious beliefs. A good standard of general behaviour is expected at all times. Members must always demonstrate good sportsmanship and fair play; e.g. be gracious in defeat, make clear and correct line calls (backed by offering or accepting 'let' requests when there is doubt), shaking hands at the end of a game are all examples that contribute to enjoyment of the game.
- It is expected that members will attend club sessions regularly. Note: Unless previously advised, or discussed, more than four consecutive missed training sessions may result in the member's club place being offered to new potential members on the waiting list.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training sessions and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members should, if selected for a competition or match and needs to withdraw, inform their coach, team manager or appropriate official immediately.
- Members must wear suitable badminton sports clothing for training, matches and other competitions. Track suits are intended for initial warming up, retaining body warmth between games and in particularly cold halls. Club shirts should be worn when representing LJBC at matches or in club teams and at tournaments.
- Fees for training and events should be paid promptly and by the due date. (Refer to this topic in the code of conduct relating to 'Parents-Carers' later herein.)
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs (unless the latter are prescribed for a medical condition and while supervised by an adult) of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club. (Junior members who are required to take prescribed medicine are requested to discuss this with the Welfare Officer or managing Head Coach.)
- It is expected that all members (unless LJBC are advised that they do not wish to play in competition) demonstrate willingness to represent LJBC in matches if asked. Members agree that they will represent only LJBC in junior league matches and team tournaments (unless already committed).
- Members are encouraged to help and play with the younger inexperienced players in order to help them improve.
- Members' mobile phones must be stored away in their bag and only brought out in an emergency, or with agreement with their coach.

LJBC GUIDELINES TO PROMOTE SAFE PLAY AND SAFETY IN GENERAL DURING THE SESSION

- Members must always follow LJBC guidelines for safe badminton.
- For training and play, members are recommended strongly to wear lightweight, non-slip, non-marking sports shoes designed and described as indoor playing shoes. It is important that these are not worn outside the hall/centre.
- To avoid contamination (dust, moisture, grit) of the court surface, members should change from outdoor shoes on arrival at the centre; a slippery court is a dangerous court!
- Similarly, drinks bottles must be placed safely to the side, between or under chairs, caps must be replaced carefully after use to ensure no spillage.
- Eating, drinking and chewing (sweats, gum) are not allowed on court.
- Members must inform their coach if they need to leave the hall during their session for any reason, for example to visit the toilet.
- To move from one point in the hall to another, during an active session, members who are not engaged on a court should use the space between courts; never to run across an active court. Always advise, or get permission from your coach before leaving your assigned court.
- As a curtesy to players, always wait for a pause in play before moving across at the rear of an active court.
- Before a game or practice, develop the habit of checking the court for random objects; e.g. loose shuttles, objects from pockets, bottles too close to the side-lines.
- During a rally and you are in the forecourt, take advantage of your peripheral vision to sense where your partner is or to track if a shuttle is 'in' or 'out' near you. Never turn your head to look behind; this should reduce the risk of a shuttle impact to your face or eyes.
- Similarly, if defending against a smash and you have inadvertently stayed forward, keep your racket up level with your face.
- Maintain a safe distance from your partner and be mutually aware of whether you are each 'right' or 'left' handed.
- Never hit a shuttle towards an individual or group unexpectedly. Between rallies, pass the shuttle back to the serving player when you have their attention. This promotes curtesy and maintains the momentum of the game.

PARENTS-CARERS

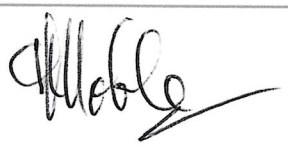
To help the club maintain an atmosphere and culture that encourages fair play and that promotes the game of badminton:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of the club and the game and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements or decisions.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Ensure your child arrives and is collected on time for club sessions and events.
- Ensure your child's fees are paid promptly and by the due date.

CLUB OFFICIALS, COACHES AND ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below. All coaches, officials and volunteers must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with players, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by Badminton England and the club.
- Hold appropriate, valid qualifications, DBS/Safeguarding checks and insurance cover.
- Never exert undue influence over player to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage players to value their performances not just results.
- Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour, including positive anticipation of the practice and work needed to improve.

SIGNED: 

DATE: 24.9.2026

NAME: David J Noble (EBA)

POSITION: Club Chairperson and Welfare Officer