



## **Code of Conduct/Practice for Parents/Carers**

In order to gain the best experience from their involvement in sport, children generally rely on their parents/carers for both emotional and financial support. This influence can be critical as their child becomes involved in training squads and competitive play. Parents/carers should be aware that the club supports the Table Tennis England requirement that everyone involved with table tennis will: respect the rights, dignity and worth of anyone they meet within our sport; treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation; accept it is all of our responsibility to challenge any injustice that may occur within our sport; accept that everyone has the right to be protected from abuse. It is hoped that the following will prove useful to parents/carers to play a positive part in their child's involvement in table tennis:

- ↳ Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- ↳ Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- ↳ Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- ↳ Never force your child to take part in sport.
- ↳ Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- ↳ Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- ↳ Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- ↳ Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- ↳ Use correct and proper language at all times.
- ↳ Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.