

The British Tenpin Bowling Association is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing 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 at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of their club with the designated Safeguarding Children's Officer.

Sports clubs should offer a positive experience for children and young people and where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a member of The British Tenpin Bowling Association you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

1. Children and Young People are expected to:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required
- Keep yourself safe
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members
- Play fairly and be trustworthy
- Respect officials and accept decisions
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Respect opponents
- Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
- Make your club a fun place to be
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach. Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions
- Show respect to other youth members/leaders and show team spirit
- Take care of equipment owned by the club.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late
- Wear suitable clothing for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager/club constitution
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly
- Not smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions
- Not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing club, county or country

2. Children and Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity
- Be listened to
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Privacy
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help

3. Monitoring

3.1 The code of conduct will be reviewed a year after development and then every year after, or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- As required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils and BTBA
- As a result of any other significant change or event.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and reported verbally to the designated person. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the club/sport. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed by the coach/volunteer with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

This code of conduct is approved by the BTBA and for use with any Youth Bowling Club registered with the NAYBC.

Readers can also refer to the Guide to Dealing with Allegations Made Against Another Child (What to do if You Have Child Protection Concerns)

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