

## **Tees Valley Sport “Codes of Behaviour Guidance” for Parents**

Tees Valley Sport has proposed the following guidance as a result of its commitment to the safeguarding of children in sport and in accordance with National Standards for Safeguarding Children in Sport produced by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit.

The basic principle underpinning this guidance is respect for the rights and dignity of all individuals and as such the guidance should be used in direct association with Tees Valley Sport’s Equity Policy.

The “Codes of Behaviour Guidance” provides recommendations and good practice advice to providers of sport concerning codes of behaviour for participants, parents, coaches, officials, spectators, administrators, teachers and the media when involved in any sporting activity delivered by the relevant organisation.

The “Codes of Behaviour Guidance” has been produced for consideration by all providers including voluntary, private and public sector organisations that do not have current agreed codes of behaviour in place covering the actions of people representing their organisation, accessing activities provided through their organisation or reporting the activities of the organisation.

The “Codes of Behaviour Guidance” should be used in conjunction with the “Codes of Behaviour - Sanction Guidance”.

### **Parents/Guardians - Code of Behaviour:**

- Respect the rights and dignity of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage young people to participate, never force them.
- Focus on, and praise the effort and performance displayed, rather than the winning or losing.
- Encourage young people to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to argumentative behaviour.
- Never ridicule a young person for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that young people learn best by example. Always show appreciation for good performances displayed by all participants.

- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.
- Respect coaches' and officials' decisions and teach young people to do likewise.
- Always show appreciation for the coaches, officials and administrators. Without them there would be no activity for your child to participate in.
- Always ensure you are punctual when dropping off and collecting your children, do not put the coach/club in a difficult position by arriving late.