

Young Persons Code of Conduct



Young people should endeavour to follow these rules whilst taking part in training sessions, taster sessions, matches and other group activities. It is understood that there will be consequences for those who behave in an unacceptable manner, which could include loss of privileges, temporary bans from games or training or permanent bans from the club or team in extreme cases.

Rounders England also publishes a child friendly leaflet called 'Respect' to support young people in understanding this code.

Young People participating in Rounders should:

- Be friendly and welcoming to all other players, particularly new players
- Offer comfort to others who need it and be kind to others
- Never use peer pressure to persuade someone to do something they do not wish to do
- Always respect the equipment that you use and be careful when using Rounders equipment as it may be dangerous if not used properly
- Make sure you treat all other children and adults with respect and dignity
- Never use rude or abusive language
- Never make any negative comments or actions towards an individual or group regarding their race, gender, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, social background or culture
- Never fight or show abusive behaviour
- Show respect to other players at all times
- Do not bully anyone else, this includes physical bullying, verbal bullying or online bullying. Report any bullying to the coach
- Ensure that you are familiar with the social media guidance policy
- Wear suitable kit as indicated by the weather and your coach and wear correct footwear in accordance with the Rounders England rules
- Smoking, drinking or drug use is not allowed
- Be honest, play fair and follow the rules, do not cheat
- Be gracious in defeat and take responsibility for your actions
- Show team spirit and try to lift your teams moral if you are loosing, stay positive throughout matches
- Use team work and communicate with your team during matches and praise other players when they do well

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- Always remain in the designated area the coach has set and do not leave the pitch during games
- Respect the decisions made by the umpire and do not back chat them
- Listen to the coach at all times and respect the rules they put in place
- Act in a way that is safe for yourself and others around you, follow any safety rules as directed by your coach
- Always have fun!

Young people have the right to:

- Be safe from abuse
- Enjoy Rounders without the fear of being bullied or mistreated and are encouraged to read the Rounders England Anti-Bullying policy and contact a responsible adult if they experience any types of bullying
- Enjoy Rounders without undue pressure
- Only participate in Rounders if they so wish
- Be included in sessions and regarded as equals by the coach and players
- Seek advice and speak to a coach or organiser if they feel they have a problem of any nature and feel comfortable approaching the clubs Child Welfare Officer with any concerns or problems that they have

This code is in place to ensure the safety of both the individual signing up to the code and anyone they come in to contact with. If at any time you have any concerns regarding the safety of any individual, in particular children and young people you should contact your Club Welfare Officer whose details can be accessed via the club notice board or website. Alternatively you can contact the Lead Safeguarding Officer at Rounders England, whose details are available at www.roundersengland.co.uk

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach/organiser 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 applied by the coach/organiser with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the Governing Body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

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Signature of Young Person _____

Printed name Young person _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Printed name of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: _____