

BWB Code of Conduct Key Principles

INTRODUCTION

British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) is committed to enabling a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment across our sport with the ambition of making wheelchair basketball an everyday sport.

These Key Principles apply to all those involved in the sport of wheelchair basketball. Including: all members, clubs, players, coaches, commentators, referees, club officials, parents, carers, regional associations, affiliated organisations, delivery partners, activators, tutors, BWB staff and contracted workforce. Everyone should act according to these principles to ensure wheelchair basketball continues to provide safe, fun and inclusive opportunities for all people regardless of age, gender, ability, disability, ethnicity, religious belief and sexual identity. This is the responsibility of us all.

BWB PRIORITIES

a) SAFEGUARDING

- Create a safe environment free of fear and harassment for children and vulnerable adults.
- Ensure all participants understand their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- Ensure appropriate relationships, with other participants, team staff and officials. Avoid actions that could be perceived as improper or inappropriate.
- Promote the welfare and best interests of all participants.

b) EQUALITY

- Create a safe environment free of fear and harassment irrespective of age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religious belief and sexual identity.
- Ensure participants have the same positive experience irrespective of age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religious belief and sexual identity.
- Be fair, honest and considerate to all participants, avoid bias and recognise the rights of participants to be respected and treated as individuals
- Promote the positive values of wheelchair basketball equally irrespective of age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religious belief and sexual identity.

CODES OF CONDUCT (KEY PRINCIPLES)

- Observe the rules and spirit of the game and be a role model for good sportsmanship.
- Do not engage in behaviour that constitutes any form of abuse or harassment (physical, sexual, emotional, neglect, bullying etc.)
- Respect all players, teams, officials and the coaches.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures, violence or threatening behaviour.
- Never engage in bullying of any participant off or online.
- Never make discriminatory remarks about any participant off or online.
- Never make any negative or untrue comments about any participant off or online.
- Assume positive intent and communicate constructively with all fellow participants.

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CHALLENGE AND REPORT

If you have a concern or wish to discuss an issue, please contact our Governance and Integrity Manager, Simon Cartwright at, safeguarding@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk, You can also report a concern using our online form. [Click here to access.](#)