



*As a member of
Swifts you are
expected to abide by
this code of conduct*

Members' Code of Conduct

Swifts is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being 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 the club with the club chairman or any member of the club committee.

1. Members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
2. Members must always follow Swifts' guidelines for safe badminton.
3. All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
4. A good standard of general behaviour is expected at all times.
5. Members must always demonstrate good sportsmanship; throwing a tantrum after losing, throwing your racquet, making deliberately wrong line calls, refusing to shake hands or being absent from a presentation ceremony are all examples of unacceptable poor sportsmanship.
6. It is expected that members will attend club sessions regularly.
7. Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
8. Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions. Clothing specifically made for badminton is compulsory (football kit is forbidden, for example). Track suits may be worn for knocking-up but not during play in matches and tournaments. Club shirts should be worn when representing Swifts at matches or in club teams at tournaments.
9. For safety reasons members must wear lightweight badminton shoes with non-marking soles for training and play. It is important that these shoes are never worn outside the badminton hall, so all members should change from outdoor shoes immediately on arrival at the hall.
10. Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
11. Members are not allowed to smoke or to consume alcohol or drugs (unless for a medical condition and while supervised by an adult) on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
12. It is expected that all members will exhibit a cheerful willingness to represent Swifts in matches, and will co-operate in playing with the younger and less talented members in order to help them improve.
13. Members agree that they will represent only Swifts in junior league matches and club team tournaments.
14. Notice of a member's intention to leave must be given well in advance to enable those on the waiting list to be contacted.
15. Continued membership of the club is dependent on the member following this code of conduct.