



***If the training is easy  
the match will be hard,  
but if the training is  
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easy.***

## Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

**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.**

Swifts respectfully asks the parents and carers of its members to abide by the following:

1. Encourage your child to learn the rules and to play within them.
2. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
3. Encourage your child to show good sportsmanship and generosity.
4. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
5. Never force your child to take part in sport.
6. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all.
7. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
8. Publicly accept officials' judgements.
9. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
10. Use correct and proper language and behaviour at all times.
11. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
12. Never leave the venue while your child is playing or training at a club session unless you have given Swifts an emergency mobile telephone number on your membership application form (and you are within easy travelling distance of the venue and can attend quickly if called) or another responsible adult has been left to cope with unforeseen emergencies. The Swifts coaches cannot accept this role while coaching.
13. Always make sure your child is properly supervised when attending badminton events such as matches (home and away) and tournaments outside Swifts club sessions. Travel to events is the parent's responsibility.
14. Always collect your child promptly at the end of club sessions.
15. Parents are not permitted to be in the hall during or between club sessions and are not permitted on court to knock up or play with the children. They are welcome to view from outside the hall, through the window or from upstairs, as long as it does not distract the children.
16. Always make sure your child is playing within the limits of his/her fitness and health. In particular, do not bring your child to Swifts sessions or events when they are ill or injured.