CODE OF BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINE FOR PLAYERS AT NTS, CTS & REGIONAL EVENTS



To:

- Encourage honest and open competition and Adopt 'the spirit of the game'.
- Respect individual differences of people within the England Touch Association (ETA).
- Display gentlemanly and ladylike characteristics.
- Support innovation and creativity and share in failures and celebrate success.
- Share the responsibility and workloads of your team.
- Participate as members of a team to achieve the ETA and your teams objectives.
- Adhere strictly to the ETA Anti-Doping policies, which are in accordance with Federation of International Touch' Anti-Doping Policies.

http://www.englandtouch.org.uk/wp/index.php/why-eta/policies-procedures/

Player's Code

- Play by the rules at all times.
- Play equally intensively for yourself and your team.
- Be equally loyal to yourself and your team.
- Exhibit exemplary sporting like behaviour at all times.
- Never bring the games character or image in to disrepute either on or off the field.
- Enjoy the game by giving your best at all times.
- Co-operate with your captain, coach, manager, and team mates.
- Always co-operate with match, tournament and the governing body (ETA) officials.
- Always respect the decision of match, tournament and governing body (ETA) officials.
- Respect your opponents no matter how good or bad they are.

Disciplinary Procedure

If a player is deemed to have broken the above code of conduct by a match, tournament, or governing body (ETA) official, they may be subject to the following disciplinary action.

- If a player has been repeatedly Force Substituted for behavioural or unsporting conduct within a tournament, and is reported by MORE THAN ONCE, the player and their club should expect a letter of warning from the ETA and the player in question may be suspended during the next tournament equivalent with that in which they were sent off. E.g. If a player is sent off at an NTS event, they will serve their suspension within the next NTS event that they attend.
- If a player is sent off for a Period of Time for behavioural or unsporting conduct, the player and their club should expect a letter of warning from the ETA.
- If a player is sent off for a Period of Time for behavioural or unsporting conduct MORE
 THAN ONCE (e.g. minimum of twice) within a tournament or domestic season, that
 player should expect to serve a ONE match ban with immediate effect or at the next
 competition equivalent with that in which they were sent off. E.g. If a player is sent off at
 an NTS event, they will serve their suspension within the next NTS event that they
 attend.
- If a player is sent off for the remainder of the game, that player will be suspended for THREE matches with immediate effect, not including the game that the player was sent off in. If the ban begins at the conclusion of a tournament, the ban will commence at the next competition equivalent with that in which they were sent off. E.g. If a player is sent off at an NTS event, they will serve their suspension within the next NTS event that they attend. Please note that if a player is to serve their suspension at the next tournament, the player must be present and intend to play in the matches preceding their suspension.
- The ETA appointed Disciplinary and Advisory Committee reserves the right to deal with behavioural and unsporting conduct retrospectively if reported by a match, tournament, governing body (ETA) official, opposition player, or spectator.
- The ETA appointed Disciplinary and Advisory Committee reserves the right to decrease or increase the punishments above in light of the severity of certain behavioural or unsporting conduct.