

CUACC CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

The Cambridge University Croquet Club (CUACC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience.

All those involved in CUACC activities, whether they are involved as participants, coaches, officials or spectators, are therefore required to adhere to the standards of behaviour – set out within this Code of Conduct - and to support the mission of the CUACC. This Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure the highest possible standards of competition and sportsmanship as well as promoting fairness, honesty and positive behaviour in relation to the conduct of all those representing CUACC.

OUR COMMITMENT

CUACC respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person involved in its activities. CUACC is committed to team members enjoying croquet in an environment free from discrimination, intimidation, harassment and abuse. CUACC believes that it is the responsibility of all of its members to challenge discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

AFFILIATIONS

CUACC is governed by its constitution, which is approved by the University of Cambridge Sports Service. This Code of Conduct is in addition, and by no means replaces, the standards set by the constitution, the student's individual college and the overarching University regulations.

CUACC is also affiliated to Croquet Association and abides by its regulations.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

Members of CUACC are solely responsible for their conduct when representing the club. Members **must** therefore:-

- Respect the rights, dignity and values of others;
- Operate within the rules of the sport.
- Treat facilities, staff and students at the University of Cambridge and other institutions with respect and abide by any rules that may apply;
- Be aware of how their actions may be perceived by others;
- Maintain high standards of personal behaviour at all times;
- Conduct themselves in a reasonable manner relating to offensive language and temperament
- Refrain from any form of bullying or harassment of others. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.
- Respect the decisions of officials, making all appeals through the appropriate formal process and respecting the final decision;
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of bullying, harassment or discrimination if witnessed;
- Refrain from the use of and involvement with illegal substances at all times.
- Not act in an unlawful manner;
- Not encourage or pressure others into acting against the code;
- Understand the repercussions of any breaches of this Code of Conduct.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

CUACC is strongly committed to encouraging members to take part, but the health, well-being and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern. The Club will therefore take all reasonable steps to ensure that all its activities are safe in line with the Club Safety Policy (<https://www.cucroquet.uk/safety-policy/>)

To support the Club, all members are expected to:-

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what they do or not do. This includes:
 - Cycling responsibly to and from club sessions (members are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet). Cycling with a croquet mallet in one hand is dangerous.
 - Wear appropriate footwear to avoid injury
- Co-operate with the club on health and safety issues. This includes reporting any concussions sustained in activities outside club sessions, and following concussion protocols (if in doubt, sit them out; 14 days return to training, 21 days return to competition)
- Correctly use all equipment provided by the club.
- Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.
- Ensure that they update the club and coaches with any medical information or changes to emergency contact details.

CLUB ETIQUETTE

All members are expected to:-

- Take reasonable care to avoid injury to other members, spectators, or members of the public when taking shots– either from the swing of the mallet or from hitting the ball. If there is concern about a hard shot towards the boundary, it is best to err on the side of caution and ensure adequate provision is made to avoid injury
- Avoid stepping onto lawns when matches are in progress
- Avoid interfering with your opponent's stroke, including moving in their line of sight as they are about to take a shot;
- Call an independent adjudicator if there is concern about a potential fault, preferably in advance
- Act in good faith when bringing on balls from the boundary

ANTI-DOPING

Members of the Club must adhere to the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code.

Please note that Team Members could potentially be subject to random testing during competitions, particularly those at competing at National Level and above. Club Members caught with banned substances in their system will be subject to disciplinary proceedings

PUBLICATIONS, INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA

CUACC wishes to promote the club positively both within the University and externally. It recognises that its publications, online, print and social media are important tools in recruiting new members and engaging with alumni and potential sponsors. It is the responsibility of all CUACC members to manage their personal social media presence responsibly. As such, all members are responsible for ensuring that they:-

- Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players or judges and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
- Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications.
- Identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos or videos, give credit to the original publisher or author.
- Review responses to online posts and resolve any concerns before they are posted.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social functions form an important part of a club's activities. CUACC is committed to ensuring that all students are able and encouraged to participate in student activities in an atmosphere free from discrimination or fear. As such, CUACC will aim to organise a range of social events that are as inclusive as possible. Members should be aware that:-

- Participation in any form of social activity is completely optional.
- They must not force others to participate in initiations and/or other social and sporting events run by CUACC

- Members must be made aware that they can opt-out of social activities without fear of undue pressure, reprisal or any other form of discrimination at any point.

BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT


CUACC complaints and disciplinary procedures, detailed in the Constitution (see above), may be applied when a member breaches the Code of Conduct, engages in any activity that adversely affects the smooth running of the Club or brings it into disrepute.


In the case of serious misconduct, the Club Executive Committee, in consultation with the Senior Treasurer, may suspend a member pending the outcome of an investigation.

WELFARE

CUACC takes the welfare of its members seriously. Any member of the Team that has any concerns regarding their welfare or those of others involved in Team or Club activities can discuss these, in confidence, with the Club Welfare Officers.

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