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Player Behaviour Guidelines

Promoting respect, fairness and enjoyment

FOREWORD

The Sunshine & District Table Tennis Association (S&DTTA) is committed to creating a safe, welcoming and respectful environment for all players and visitors.

To support this, the Committee has introduced the Player Behaviour Guidelines. These guidelines outline the standards of conduct expected from all members and provide a clear, fair and consistent approach to managing behaviour that does not align with our club values.

They are designed to encourage positive participation, mutual respect, and sportsmanship - values that are central to the enjoyment of our game and the reputation of our Association.

MEMBER ACCEPTANCE

All members using club facilities will be expected to abide by the Player Behaviour Guidelines via a signed acceptance at the beginning of a pennant season or upon becoming a new member.

COMMITTEE REVIEW

As this is a new initiative, the Committee will review the Player Behaviour Guidelines after three months to ensure they remain practical, effective and reflective of our community's expectations.

The support and cooperation of all members are appreciated as we continue to uphold the spirit of fairness, respect, and camaraderie that defines our club.

S&DTTA Committee
November 2025

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Behaviour categories

Player Behaviour Categories & Examples

Subject to change per Committee direction.

Minor

DESCRIPTION

Low-level, usually unintentional or first-time misconduct.

EXAMPLES

Vocal self-cheering that distracts other players; Minor unsporting gestures; uniform breaches; arriving late without notice

POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

Verbal reminder; education session; and/or written warning

Moderate

DESCRIPTION

Disruptive, repeated, or deliberate behaviour that impacts enjoyment, fairness, respect or safety, showing disregard for prior warnings.

EXAMPLES

Repeated swearing or abusive language
Ignoring umpire directions;
Throwing a bat;
Kicking barriers;
verbal intimidation, including harassment or discriminatory remarks.

POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

Two warnings followed by short suspension (1 to 2 weeks)

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Serious misconduct

Player Behaviour Categories & Examples (continued)

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Serious *

DESCRIPTION

Significant misconduct posing risk to safety, fairness, respect or club reputation, or involves actual threats, physical intimidation, harassment or property damage.
Table tennis is a non-contact sport.

EXAMPLES

Any form of aggressive physical contact, pushing, grabbing or manhandling

Vandalism or damage to barriers, tables, equipment or property

Playing or attendance at the club premises under the influence of drugs or alcohol #
The consumption of alcohol or drugs is not permitted on premises under Council facility guidelines

POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

Immediate suspension for 3 weeks;
Full cost to rectify damage
*Requires at least 3 committee members endorsement

Very Serious / Critical ~

DESCRIPTION

Extreme misconduct compromising safety, wellbeing, or integrity of the sport and may require external intervention.

EXAMPLES

- Acts of physical violence or assault
- Sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, or inappropriate contact
- Breaches of child safety obligations (e.g. Failure to follow Working with Children protocols, unsupervised access contrary to club policy, inappropriate communication with minors)

POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

- Long term suspension or expulsion from club
- Referral to external authority such as Table Tennis Victoria or relevant government authorities

~ Matters to be handled by S&DTTA Committee