



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR KORFBALL

The **British Korfball Association** (BKA) is fully committed to promoting and safeguarding the wellbeing of all BKA associated clubs and their members. The BKA believes it is important that members, coaches, administrators, parents/guardians and spectators associated with Korfball clubs should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints they may have about any aspect of their club or association with their executive committee.

All Korfball clubs, their members, parents/guardians (if under 18) and their spectators are required to abide by the following BKA Code of Conduct. Clubs are responsible for all persons associated to the club, including any spectator supporting the club on match days. Any clubs found to be in breach of the BKA Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

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Participants

- A participant shall, at all times, act in the best interests of Korfball and shall not act in any manner that is improper or brings the sport into disrepute. A participant shall be defined as any player, Association, Club, official, spectator or anyone else who may be associated with Korfball in the United Kingdom in any way.
- All participants must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions. Swearing and arguing will not be tolerated. Any fines imposed upon a club member in accordance with competition rules must be paid promptly.
- Each affiliated Association and club shall be responsible for ensuring that its players, officials, representatives, spectators, and all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers, conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and refrain from violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language whilst attending at, or taking part in, a match in which it is involved, whether at its own venue or elsewhere.
- Nobody, apart from players and officials taking part in the match shall be permitted to encroach on to the playing area, save for reasons of crowd safety.
- All participants must respect opponents.
- All participants must respect their own team members.
- A participant shall not use violent, threatening, abusive, indecent, or insulting words or behaviour.
- All participants must abide by the BKA's Health and Safety Policy at all times.
- Nobody is allowed to smoke at an indoor training or match venue.
- All participants must respect the property at training and match venues and are expected to clear up their own litter. The cost of replacing breakages, or repairing damage, must be paid for by the participant, club or association concerned.
- All persons entering the training and match venues of a club must wear the appropriate footwear and other clothing.

Junior Korfball

All Affiliated Korfball clubs with junior members shall be responsible for ensuring that all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers, including parents/guardians, comply with the following Code of Conduct.

Club Officials and Volunteers

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (eg fair play).
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body.
- Hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support every child's involvement and help him or her to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.

Parents and Carers

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.