

# Pétanque England



## **Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers, Spectators and Supporters towards Junior Players**

Pétanque England actively encourages parents, carers and friends to support junior players in whatever pétanque activity they take part in. Positive support will increase their enjoyment of the sport, encourage their continued participation in it, and motivate them to improve their playing skills. Support however, must not be done in a discouraging way which makes it difficult for junior players to enjoy the sport or which disrupts the event in which they are taking part. It is of paramount importance that parents, carers and supporters respect the boundaries to enable organisers of events to ensure the safety, well-being and harmony of the participants. Pétanque England's aim is to promote an inclusive, happy and positive environment for all junior players, coaches, officials and other supporters.

### **Parents, Carers and Supporters should: -**

- Be a positive role model for juniors and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or competition.
- Support the juniors' efforts and performance, give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort and learning
- Remember that juniors participate to have fun and that the game is for juniors, not adults
- Inform the coach or organiser of any physical issue or ailment that may affect the safety of a junior or the safety of others
- Understand that competition is about winning and losing so results are always accepted without undue disappointment or argument
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers supporters and spectators

**Parents, carers and supporters should not:**

- Put pressure on a junior in any way
- Engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with an official, coach, player or parent; such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using abusive language or gestures.
- Criticise or ridicule a junior's performance for making a mistake or losing after a game
- Use Social Media to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about a player, coach, official, volunteer or Pétanque England
- Encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of others
- Coach a junior or other players during games and practices, unless authorised to do so.
- Encroach on any team time
- Be critical of the junior's coach, team manager or team captain, or advise juniors to do so.

**Serious violations or repeat violations may lead to a disciplinary investigation by Pétanque England and/or the exclusion of a parent or other supporter/spectator from events.**

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