



## The Parent's Code of Conduct

### Who does this apply to?

The Parents Code of Conduct applies to all parents or appointed carers at any Modern Pentathlon Training Session or Competition.

### Important

If the code is breached and reported, all complaints and allegations will be acted upon accordingly.

### Parents understand, agree and will:

- 1) Focus on the child's efforts to succeed and encourage enjoyment from participating
- 2) Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not the parents'
- 3) Encourage children and young people to play but not to force them
- 4) Encourage children and players to participate within the rules and regulations of the sport
- 5) Applaud good performances and efforts from **all** individuals and teams
- 6) Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the outcomes
- 7) Leave the coach to communicate with individual athletes during training and competitions
- 8) Respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do the same
- 9) Demonstrate respect to coaches, athletes and spectators at all times
- 10) Communicate with the coach or/and team manager, etc. of any injury, health or welfare issue that it is felt appropriate for them to know
- 11) Treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation and accept that everybody has the right to be protected from abuse
- 12) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Modern Pentathlon
- 13) Report any concerns in relation to a child and young person using the formal reporting procedures laid down by Pentathlon GB (use the forms downloadable for the [www.pentathlongb.org](http://www.pentathlongb.org))

**Prohibited Practice – Parents and carers must NOT:**

- 1) Punish or belittle a child / young person for losing a competition or contest or making mistakes.
- 2) Force children to participate in any modern Pentathlon discipline
- 3) Ridicule, shout at or comment publicly on child athletes' performances including for making a mistake or losing a contest
- 4) Enter the area of play including the athletes' area of the shooting range, pool side, fencing hall, inside of the running track unless asked by the coach or official
- 5) Use foul, sexist or racist language or gestures at any time
- 6) Condone behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct
- 7) Condone any form of discrimination or allow it to go unchallenged