

WORLD INDOOR BOWLS COUNCIL  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
For Players and Officials

This Code of Conduct has been introduced by the Council, and relates to Indoor Bowls events under the direct control of the WIBC. No penalties will necessarily apply to any Player in breach of the Code of Conduct but the Council reserves the right to conduct or initiate a full enquiry into all the relevant facts surrounding any particular case and will, if necessary, take disciplinary action.

#### CODE

Acceptance of the invitation to participate in a WIBC event, including travel to and from the event, implies acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

#### APPLICATION OF THE CODE

The Executive Committee are responsible to the WIBC for the application of this Code of Conduct, within their remit.

#### BRINGING THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE

Any player or official who, by his standard of behaviour during the period of any event held under the auspices of the WIBC is liable to bring the game into disrepute will be liable to disciplinary action.

#### TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Any specific instructions issued by the WIBC for any of their events will be deemed to form part of the Code of Conduct. As such if any instructions are ignored the player or official will be liable to disciplinary action.

#### ABUSE

Any player who in the opinion of the Official in Charge or Umpire subjects his/her opponent(s) or any other person to any physical or verbal abuse will be warned by the Umpire and will be liable to disciplinary action.

#### DRUG OR ALCOHOL ABUSE

Any player or official impaired by drug or alcohol abuse will be liable to disciplinary action.

#### CONDUCT

Any player who, in the opinion of the Official in Charge or Umpire, subjects his/her opponent(s) to distractions while play is in progress will be warned by the Umpire and may be disqualified or suffer penalty etc. All Players and Officials must conduct themselves in an acceptable manner when not playing on the green.

#### CURFEW

The Council shall have the power to impose a curfew whenever it is deemed necessary and any Player/Official violating such a curfew may be liable to disciplinary action.

#### PRESS/TV INTERVIEWS

The Council expect any player who is invited to take part in any Press/TV interview before, during or after the event, should during any such interview, conduct themselves in a manner befitting someone representing their Country.

#### DISCIPLINARY SUB-COMMITTEE

Where breaches of the Code of Conduct are identified the player or official concerned having been informed of the alleged breach, will appear before a Disciplinary Sub-Committee who will take whatever action they deem appropriate to the circumstances, such action to take immediate effect.

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall consist of three appropriate officials of the Council who have not been directly involved in the alleged incident. Any disciplinary hearing must allow the player or official concerned to make representation, with the company of a friend if requested.

#### APPEALS

Any appeal against a Disciplinary Sub-Committee decision must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the WIBC, who will arrange an Appeal Hearing before an appropriate panel of three members of the Council, none of whom should have been directly involved in the original decision or incident.

At such an appeal hearing the appellant shall be allowed further representation, provided fourteen days notice of such representation is given prior to the appeal hearing. The format of such an appeal hearing should be clearly outlined to both parties.

The decisions of such an appeal hearing shall be final.

THIS CODE OF CONDUCT APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL THE COUNCIL'S OFFICIALS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PLAYERS INVOLVED IN ANY COMPETITIONS PLAYED UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE COUNCIL.