



## Codes of Conduct

### General Code of Conduct

In all situations, both online and in-person, members and associates of Croquet England and of its affiliated clubs are expected to act in a reasonable and courteous manner towards others.

Abuse, neglect, bullying, harassment, discrimination, victimisation, impersonation, defamation and intentionally causing offence to others are not acceptable. If directed at young, vulnerable or minority groups, such behaviour is even more reprehensible.

Croquet England is committed to creating a culture of zero tolerance to such behaviour.

In addition, clubs may have their own local rules and these should be observed and respected by visitors as well as by their own members.

### Code of conduct for tournaments and other events

Players are expected to behave in a manner that is not contrary to the integrity or reputation of the sport. This applies to all croquet-related activities, from informal events through to international events, within or outside Croquet England's domain.

In tournaments, players are expected to participate in a spirit of friendship and fair play, and to comply with Regulations for Tournaments. Section P2 deals with conduct.

The World Croquet Federation's AC Laws and GC Rules of croquet contain further information about conduct and behaviour during play.

### Code of Conduct for Coaches

Anyone within Croquet England who is providing coaching should:

- Encourage participation in croquet.
- Be open, honest, respectful and trustworthy.
- Behave appropriately.
- All qualified coaches should maintain their qualification.
- Check that they are insured. See [Insurance - Guidance for Coaches \(croquet.org.uk\)](https://croquet.org.uk/insurance-guidance-for-coaches)

UK Coaching's Code of Practice for Sports Coaches provides full details of what is expected.

### Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct

Detailed guidance on the standards of behaviour expected from adults when dealing with or coaching young people is given in the Child Safeguarding - Code of Conduct.

Guidelines for developing a code of conduct for young croquet players for themselves and for their parents or guardians is provided in Conduct Guidance for young croquet players and their parents/guardians.

## **References**

Regulations for tournaments  
WCF Rules of Golf Croquet  
WCF Laws of Association Croquet  
Code of Practice for Sports Coaches – UK Coaching  
Child Safeguarding - Code of Conduct  
Conduct guidance for young croquet players and their parents/guardians  
Guidance for photography, Video and Live-Streaming  
Guidance for Online Communication and Content

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