



## Conduct Guidance for Young Croquet Payers and their Parents/Guardians

### Guidance for Young croquet players

It is recommended that where a group of young people are playing croquet at a club that they are encouraged to produce a Code of Conduct themselves to encourage the safety and enjoyment of everyone involved in our sport.

Some suggestions for inclusion in such a code are:

Respect the Sport:

- Be on time for training and competitions.
- Pay attention, listen to what you are being told and do not distract others.
- Always try your best.
- Always say thank you after a training session or competition.
- Accept success and failure with dignity and set a positive example to others.

Respect Others:

- Club volunteers, officials, coaches, opponents and spectators should be valued.
- Respect the decisions of referees.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and other forms of threatening or intimidating behaviour such as bullying.

Respect Yourself:

- Take responsibility for your actions on and off the croquet court.
- Do not smoke, drink or take drugs of any kind (other than prescription).
- Never use offensive language or gestures.
- Wear suitable clothing for the weather and the activity in which you are taking part.
- Respect the facilities where you play and the equipment that you use.
- Tell someone you trust if the behaviour of others makes you feel uncomfortable in any way.

### Guidance for parents

- Support your child's involvement in croquet and help them to enjoy it.
- Ensure your child arrives on time and with the correct clothing and equipment.
- Always recognise when your child has done his/her best. Croquet can take a long time to master.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage arguing or answering back with coaches or officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.

- Never verbally or physically abuse your child, or any other child, for failure.
- Never force your child to take part.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performance of all.
- Always use correct and proper language.
- Encourage and guide young croquet players to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.