

Code of Conduct

All competitions under the aegis of ELTTL are to be conducted in accordance with the following rules governing the behaviour of players, officials, non-playing captains / coaches and spectators.

- 1) At all times all persons participating must show respect towards all other participants in the event.
- 2) Players must exhibit sportsmanship in their play
- 3) Umpires must be in control of the match not merely scorers and are expected to know and uphold the Laws of Table Tennis as published by the ITTF and the Rules and Code of Conduct of the ELTTL
- 4) Spectators who heckle or show disrespect towards any player may be required to leave the vicinity of the match.
- 5) No form of betting on the conduct or outcome of a game will be allowed.
- 6) The following behaviours are forbidden; the list is not exclusive:
 - a. Spitting – including to create a damp patch on the floor
 - b. Venting anger or frustration, including on items of equipment, such as their bat, the ball, the table or surrounds.
 - c. Swearing
 - d. Exclamations or gestures of triumph which disturb nearby games or are intended or likely to intimidate the opponent(s).
 - e. Failure to abide by the reasoned decision of the umpire or referee.

For minor breaches the Umpire should issue a verbal reminder of the Code of Conduct. For more serious or repeated breaches the umpire should show a Yellow card as a formal and reportable warning. For subsequent breaches the umpire should show a Yellow and a Red cards and a point should be awarded to the player's opponent(s).

Serious breaches of these Rules of conduct should be reported to the League committee by the umpire and/or the team captain(s) via the comments section when reporting the match scorecard. The committee may impose reasonable sanctions on any person found to have so breached the Rules.

In summary the sanctions that an umpire can impose are as follows:

- Verbal reminder of the code
- Yellow card (that and subsequent penalties needs to be reported on the ELTTL system when recording the match scores)
- Yellow + Red card with point awarded to opponent(s)
- Yellow + Red card with two points awarded to opponent(s)
- Red card – disqualification from taking further part in the fixture (to be noted online)
- Where all yellow and red cards to be recorded on scoring system (+ disqualification if any)