

# NI Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 Closed Training Panel Athlete Code of Conduct

The code of conduct sets out the fundamental behaviours of Athletes involved in Disability Sport NI, NI Wheelchair Basketball programmes.

Everyone involved in wheelchair basketball has a responsibility to promote the sport, making sure there is equal access and opportunity for all and that fairness and respect is upheld.

This code allows Disability Sport NI to uphold the behaviours of Athletes and to deal with any breaches with a consistent approach.

## ATHLETES CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletes have a responsibility to behave appropriately and should follow the code and encourage others to do so.

### Athletes should:

- Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- Provide an example you wish others to follow.
- Respect everyone's right to personal privacy.
- Remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well intentioned.
- Be fair, honest and considerate to other Athletes.
- Respect team-mates, the other team, the officials and the coaches.
- Always respect the official's decisions.
- Consider own and fellow participants health & safety prior to attending and during wheelchair basketball activity.
- Observe the rules and spirit of the game.
- Accept the decisions of the match officials without questions or complaint (let your captain or coach ask the necessary questions).
- Make themselves familiar with and agree to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.
- Project a positive and professional image of yourself and wheelchair basketball.
- Never engage with; Smoking, Vaping, the consumption of Alcohol or intoxicating substances, when travelling to and from, or during training or competition, as part of the NI Academy.
- Be a good sport, applaud all good performance, whether by your team or by the opponent.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being in disrepute.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the officials at the end of every game.
- Tell a responsible adult if another young person confides in you and you think they need help.
- Report any concerns to the Disability Sport NI's Performance Pathway Officer (Wheelchair Basketball) or Designated Safeguarding Officer.

**Athletes should never:**

- Engage in behaviour that constitutes any form of abuse or harassment (physical, sexual, emotional, neglect, bullying etc.).
- Engage in hazing, initiations or dares.
- Engage in violent or threatening behavior.
- Bully, spread rumours or tell lies about others.
- Publicly criticise other athletes.
- Post negative or derogatory comments on social media about other participants.
- Intentionally deceive Disability Sport NI or any other key stakeholders i.e. include falsifying personal data, deliberately using a photograph of another person, deliberately using another name other than that which is listed on official documentation such as a passport or birth certificate.
- Wager on any match or event where they are playing nor offer or accept any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of a match.

By signing below, you are agreeing to your Code of Conduct. Breaking this code of conduct may result in a complaint or disciplinary action through the Disability Sport NI complaints process.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breach of the Code of Conduct:**

If an Athlete does not follow the code or is in breach of the code, the following action may be taken, but are not limited to:

- Issue of a verbal warning.
- Issue of a written warning.
- Suspension from NI Academy/Commonwealth Games Programme.
- Expulsion from NI Academy/Commonwealth Games Programme.

Any breach in this code of conduct will be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with Disability Sport NI complaints process.