



Ely Vikings Korfball Club - Members Code of Conduct

Korfball is a team game and members of Ely Vikings have obligations to the sport and to the club. During matches, home and away, those selected to play are representing the whole club. Player conduct reflects on the club and the members in a positive or negative manner. **The more senior the team for which a member plays, the greater the responsibility to act as a positive role model for others in the club.**

Behaviour during training and matches

Show respect to officials (coaches and referees), other players (opponents and team mates) and spectators by:-

- No provocation
- No retaliation
- Accepting decisions without dissent or challenge
- Not using foul or abusive language regardless of where directed
- Shaking hands with opponents at the beginning and end of a match
- Responding promptly to team captains on matters of availability for games

Set a positive example to less experienced members by:-

- Paying attention to coaches and referees
- Offering advice and guidance in a positive, supportive manner to team mates
- Demonstrating appropriate behaviour
- Punctuality to training and matches
- Paying fees on time
- Contributing to a safe environment in which to train and play

Ely Vikings Korfball Club - Conduct – Process and Sanctions

The Code of Conduct sets out what each of us has committed to do as individuals and what we are entitled to expect from others. Monitoring compliance is something that we should all contribute to. If anyone feels that another club member is not living up to the Code of Conduct they are empowered to raise the matter with the individual concerned – who may not realise the effect of their behaviour on others.

If the member is not confident that their comments will be appropriately received they should raise the matter instead with either the team captain or a member of the committee who will attempt to resolve the issue.

Consistent breaches may require a more formal response and some sanctions. In this event the matter will be considered by at least three members of the committee and the individual concerned (supported by an appropriate adult). The kinds of sanctions available in this situation include; suspension from training for a defined period, not being considered for selection for matches for a defined period.

Should a member receive a card from a referee during a match, the individual will need to pay the fine to the club within 15 days of notification and also make a matching contribution to club funds within the same time scale. The committee may also decide, based on the circumstances, to apply more sanctions as described in the previous paragraph, taking account of any sanction that may be applied by the governing body.

If an individual has left the club following breaches of the code of conduct, applications to re-join will be considered by the committee and will only be accepted if there is clear evidence of the necessary changes having been put in place.