



# Irish Women's Bowling Association Code of Conduct

The Irish Bowling Association (IWBA) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The IWBA believes that it is important that everyone associated with the IWBA (including officials, club members, bowlers, parents and young people) should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the IWBA with the Designated Safeguarding Officer.

## **GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

All Bowling clubs should offer young people a positive experience where they can learn how to play bowls in a safe and positive environment. In particular, young people are expected to:

- Behave and listen to instructions from the Team Manager.
- Respect Officials and accept decisions.
- Show respect to other junior members/leaders by being supportive and showing team spirit.
- Respect opponents.
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
- Play fairly and never cheat or be violent/aggressive.
- Keep themselves safe at all times.
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references.
- Avoid bullying or making offensive remarks (including inappropriate use/abuse of social media or networking websites and mobile technology).
- Not consume alcohol (under 18 years).
- Not be involved in inappropriate behaviour.
- Refrain from taking illegal drugs or be involved with the use of illegal substances/activities.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate official/coach and reported verbally to the designated person. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the association/club. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed by the young person or their parent with final decisions taken by the association/club committee.

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Signature of Young Person

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Printed name Young person

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Printed name of Parent/Guardian

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Date

This form should be signed and returned if the Code is not already distributed with the Parental Consent form