



WDBS Rules and Procedures

3.2 Codes of Conduct

- A. **General** during the period of any event organised by or on behalf of the WDBS, participants should not behave in an inconsiderate way toward fellow participants, officials, event organisers or venue/hotel staff and other users/guests, or do anything that might in any way bring the WDBS into disrepute.
- B. **Prohibited substances** participants must not deal in, or personally use, any prohibited substance as set out within national policies adopted by UK sports or any other governing body, as appropriate. Nor should they knowingly encourage or condone the dealing or use of such substances by others. Failure to comply with testing procedures or other agreed policy, either at home or abroad will also constitute a breach of these codes of conduct.
- C. **Dress** all participants at a national or regional event, must at all times comply with the specific dress code for that sport as set out elsewhere in these procedures, or as laid down by the appropriate national governing body of sport.
- D. **Unsporting behaviour** participants must refrain from any act, gesture, comment or other undertaking, either prior to, during or following competition, which is potentially hurtful or damaging to a fellow participant. Nor should they at any time seek to gain unfair advantage through any act or omission not within the 'rules of the game'.
- E. **Bad language** the use of bad language will not be tolerated at any time during the course of an event - including at the hotel/ accommodation, at the activity itself or during any social function organised as part of the occasion.
- F. **Disputes** participants must not enter into disputes with referees or other officials, other participants or event organisers save through the agreed procedures as set out within this document. This applies to protests on own classification, or about another competitors' classification.

3.3 discretion

Any act or omission, which is not specifically covered in items

(a)- (f) above, but is regarded by the organisers to be unacceptable conduct, will be deemed to have breached these codes of conduct. WDBS will use its discretion regarding investigating any alleged breach of conduct which is brought to its attention within a reasonable period of time of the reported incident.

3.4 dealing with breaches

- A. If allegations of a breach of these codes of conduct are made the event director(s), and other persons as appropriate, will investigate them.

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- C. The case is proven the individual(s) concerned will be notified as follows:
 - (I) Verbally immediately following investigation,
 - (II) And in writing within 14 days of the incident.

3.5 appeals

- A. Any person(s) disciplined under these codes of conduct may appeal against any action taken against them.

- B. Appeals must be forwarded to WDBS' head office, for the attention of World Disability Billiards and Snooker and must arrive within 21 days of the date of written notification as outlined in paragraph 3.4(c).

- C. The result of any appeal will be notified, in writing, to the persons concerned within 28 days of receipt of the letter of appeal.

- D. The decision resulting from the appeal will be final.