



CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS AND CARERS

This document should be read, understood and applied in conjunction with the Boxing Scotland Codes of Conduct: Ethical Framework.

Everyone associated with BSL has a responsibility to promote and reflect high standards of behaviour in any activities concerning Boxing Scotland.

Boxing Scotland wants all participants, competitors, officials, coaches, staff, and bystanders to enjoy the sport in safe and positive environment.

By setting out a code of Conduct for Parents and Carers BSL reinforces the need for a positive and inclusive environment where everyone can contribute, participate and benefit.

Where children and young people are concerned, we should remember that participation in boxing is a time when they can develop technical, physical, tactical and social skills and derive similar benefits. We expect parents and carers to play their part by positively supporting their efforts and observing the Code of Conduct at all times.

It is expected that parents/carers will:

- Make safe and suitable arrangements for their child to attend training, events and sessions including their transportation to and from sessions and events.
- Communicate with staff and coaches about any additional needs their child may have including details of how best to meet their needs; any medical or other conditions and how these are best understood and responded to while participation in boxing; and any other information relevant to their child's involvement or participation.
- Make sure any necessary communication happens in good time and confirms that it has been received and properly understood.
- In all dealings with staff and officials, including where concerns or complaints are being addressed, be polite and constructive to ensure that all concerned can benefit from learning and improvement, as necessary.
- Expect that Boxing Scotland will always do the best for their child and, where they are of the view that anyone involved with Boxing Scotland has fallen short, bring this to the attention of the relevant manager within the organisation.
- Respect personal and/or confidential information concerning others as well as expecting the same considerations will be the case concerning themselves or their own child.
- Applaud and encourage effort and positive participation as well as success and Respect the decisions of officials.
- Always remain within designated areas during events unless advised otherwise by someone authorised by Boxing Scotland for the safety and wellbeing of all.
- Avoid openly criticising participants for 'making mistakes' - mistakes are part of learning.
- Refrain from criticising children and young people in public, including through social media.
 - instead, encourage their effort and support improvement.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, derogatory, or abusive language or behaviour including online or through social media (remembering that such conduct or language may also be illegal).
- Never engage in physical altercation and refrain from threatening language and behaviour.
- Teach that enjoyment through participation and fulfilment through self-discipline are as important as, and often more important than, competition and winning.

Abiding by the Code of Conduct allows parents and carers to engage in the work of Boxing Scotland and participate in the sport in a meaningful and positive way ultimately to the benefit of the entire boxing family.