



# Standards & Guidance for Parents, Carers & Supporters

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## 1. Introduction

These Standards & Guidance should be read alongside the Pétanque England Code of Conduct & Behaviour Standards, Safeguarding Policy, Anti-Doping & Clean Sport Policy and any applicable competition rules or governance procedures.

## 2. Purpose

- Pétanque England encourages parents, carers and supporters to contribute positively to the enjoyment, welfare, well-being and development of participants, particularly children and young people.
- This Guidance promotes respectful, supportive and safe behaviour within the sport.

## 3. Positive Support

- Encourage enjoyment, participation and sportsmanship.
- Support participants positively regardless of results, selection or performance.
- Respect players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators.
- Recognise that junior participation should be enjoyable, safe and inclusive.

## 4. Expected Behaviour

- Behave respectfully at competitions, training sessions and events.
- Accept decisions of officials and organisers respectfully.
- Avoid abusive, intimidating, discriminatory or confrontational behaviour.
- Use social media, messaging platforms and online forums responsibly and avoid comments or behaviour that may harm individuals or the reputation of the sport.
- Communicate respectfully with participants, officials, volunteers and other spectators.
- Demonstrate respectful behaviour and positive sportsmanship by example.
- Respect safeguarding boundaries and welfare expectations.
- Avoid behaviour that may intimidate, pressure, isolate or undermine young participants, officials or volunteers

## 5. Behaviour to Avoid

- Do not pressure, ridicule or humiliate participants.
- Do not engage in sideline coaching unless authorised to do so.
- Do not undermine coaches, officials or organisers.
- Do not attempt to influence officials, selectors or disciplinary processes improperly.
- Do not behave in a manner that places others at risk or damages the enjoyment of the sport.

## 6. Concerns and Breaches

- Safeguarding or welfare concerns should be reported promptly and appropriately.
- Individuals raising genuine welfare or conduct concerns in good faith should not be subjected to intimidation, victimisation or retaliation.
- Serious or repeated misconduct may result in appropriate action, including removal from events or referral under applicable Pétanque England procedures.
- Serious misconduct may be referred under applicable Pétanque England Complaints, Disciplinary or Safeguarding Procedures.

- Where necessary and proportionate, individuals may be asked to leave or refrain from attending activities pending further consideration of a matter.

## 7. Review

This Standard & Guidance will be reviewed at least every two years or sooner where necessary to reflect changes in legislation, safeguarding requirements, governance requirements, operational needs or best practice.

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