

# Code of Conduct

## Hornsey Petanque Club

**All those who play as members or non-members of The Hornsey Pétanque club are expected to abide by the following code of conduct. All members will be required to confirm their commitment to adhere to this code when they join.**

We play pétanque to have fun, build our skills and promote social cohesion. Nobody wants it to be disagreeable or humiliating. Abiding by this code of conduct will ensure that members' experiences are enjoyable, fulfilling and inclusive.

Respect the dignity, privacy and rights of others.

- Mind your manners - Never use or condone abusive language or gestures.
- Zip it – don't gossip or backbite, repeat what has been said in confidence, or be a tell-tale.
- Value difference – look for the good in everyone regardless of social, ethnic or faith background, sexual and gender orientation, and diverse physical and psychological abilities.
- Make it fun and fair – be sociable and agreeable; refrain from any behaviour that could be perceived as harassment, intimidation or bullying.
- Keep it polite and clean – avoid any verbal, written or social media communication that demeans others, gives offence or transgresses acceptable norms.
- Agree to disagree – resolve disagreements amicably, find a mediator instead of arguing intemperately and resolve matters face-to-face. In no circumstances should disagreements be conducted via social media (e.g. emails, WhatsApp messages etc.) addressed to all members.

Respect the conventions of the game.

- Follow the rules - at all times observe the rules of the sport of pétanque.
- Play fair - play to the best of your ability and never directly or indirectly attempt to adversely influence an outcome of a game.
- Be a good sport – applaud all good play, even your opponents'. Never publicly criticise others for their performance in play or their personal characteristics.
- Play safe – avoid actions that would endanger the health or safety of self and others.
- Stay sober – never play under the influence of drink or drugs.
- Stick to time – Try to keep to agreed times; don't expect others to adjust to your tardiness if you haven't notified them.
- Pay your way – ensure that annual membership fees and any fees due for an event or offering to which you have committed are paid when due.

It is a condition of membership that all members agree to adhere to the code of conduct. Members who fail to do so risk disciplinary action in accordance with the Club's constitution.