



ENGLISH PARTNERSHIP FOR
SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS



The 147 Club – Code of Conduct

The English Partnership of Snooker and Billiards (EPSB) has produced the following code of conduct for clubs joining the 147 Club affiliation scheme. As the national governing body, we ask our member clubs to adopt this code so that we work collectively towards agreed minimum standards of snooker club provision.

Club name _____ Date _____

General

As a member of the 147 Club we will:

- Adopt the EPSB Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy, EPSB Equal Opportunities Policy and adhere to the 147 Club Code of Conduct, responding to any suspected breaches in accordance with the welfare procedures
- Appoint a Club Welfare Officer (mandatory for clubs that have members under 18 years of age or vulnerable adults) and ensure that he/she is provided with appropriate training to act as a first point of contact for concerns about welfare issues
- Ensure that all staff and volunteers operating within the snooker club environment hold the appropriate qualifications and have undertaken the appropriate checks, e.g. DBS check, licences, qualifications, where required
- Ensure that coaches, technical officials and club officers attend training in welfare and safeguarding, where recommended by the EPSB
- Liaise with parents, members, officials, coaches, volunteers, national governing bodies and other relevant people/organisations to ensure that good practice is maintained
- Ensure that information is available at the club and to all club officers, team managers, officials, coaches and volunteers regarding contact details for local social services, the police and the NSPCC
- Ensure that club officers and volunteers always act responsibly and set an example to others, including younger members
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every club member and others involved in snooker, and treat everyone equally
- Consistently promote positive aspects of the sport, such as fair play
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others

- Place the welfare and safety of club members above other considerations, including performance
- Promote a clean, safe and smoke-free environment
- When under 18s access the snooker facilities, take measures to minimise the visibility of alcohol and any gambling facilities provided
- Report any suspected misconduct by club officials, coaches, volunteers or other people involved to the EPSB as soon as possible
- Do not use your involvement with the EPSB to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices, and refrain from any behaviour that may bring the EPSB into disrepute

Snooker facility

As a member of the 147 Club we will:

- Maintain snooker equipment to a safe and useable standard, encouraging members to look after the snooker facilities
- Promote the use of covers to protect the snooker table(s) when not in use
- Encourage players to switch mobile phones to silent in the snooker room
- Display the basic rules of snooker for club members to read
- Encourage snooker players to consume any food away from the tables, where possible
- Operate within the rules of the sport, including national and international guidelines which govern the EPSB and affiliated clubs

Competitive snooker

When playing in competitive snooker matches players should be encouraged to do the following:

- Shake hands with an opponent at the start of the match, the end of the match, and the start of a deciding frame
- When an opponent is at the table, re-spot potted colours, count an opponent's break and help to set up the table after each frame, where possible
- Refrain from talking or distracting an opponent who is at the table, and avoid standing in an opponent's line of sight during a shot
- Refrain from leaning on the table when an opponent is playing
- Act gracefully following a victory or a defeat