



# Milton Keynes Angling Association

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## **ADB Code of Conduct for Elite Performers**

Milton Keynes Angling Association is committed to maintaining the highest possible standards of conduct, behaviour and ethical values in the sport. A participant shall, during all competitions and at all times within the precincts of the competition site, conduct themselves in an acceptable manner; treating other adults and children with dignity, respect, sensitivity, fairness and following the provisions set out below.

### Conduct towards the sport

A participant should:

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique and tactics.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a competition, even if they (and/or their team) is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved or is unattainable.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and supporters.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the sport (at any level or discipline), including where publicly expressing an opinion on the sport and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the sport.
- Not use inappropriate language or gestures (this includes foul, abusive or discriminatory language or behaviour).

### Conduct within a team

A participant should:

- Make every effort consistent with the rules of the competition and the spirit of fair play to help their own team win.
- Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question their commitment to the team winning.
- Treat their team mates with respect and consideration, regardless of their gender, age, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation or religion.



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## Respect for competition rules

A participant should:

- Know and abide by the rules and spirit of the competition.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with humility and dignity respectively and without excessive emotional displays;
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.
- Show a commitment to fair play/participation.

## Respect towards Opponents

A participant should:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the competition and irrespective of their gender, age, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation or religion.
- Safeguard the physical wellbeing of opponents (irrespective of their gender, age, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation or religion), avoid violence and deviant/banned techniques.

## Respect towards the Competition Officials

A participant should:

- Accept the decision of the Competition Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead or offend a Competition Official.
- Show due respect towards Competition Official regardless of their gender, age, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

## Respect towards Team Officials

A participant should:

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition regardless of their gender, age, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

## Obligations towards the Supporters

A participant should:

- Show due respect to the rights/interests of supporters/spectators regardless of their gender, age, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation



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or religion.

## Conduct towards Children

### A participant should:

- Respect the rights of and value all children within the sport – participants should:
  - Respect the rights of all children to participate.
  - Not shout and scream, use correct and proper language at all times and communicate in a manner which reflects respect & care;
  - Never belittle a child;
  - Give encouragement to everyone to participate in angling;

The elite performers code of conduct applies to all those who participate in competitions within the Association at all levels. This includes (but is not limited to) participants whom are an individual members or member of an Affiliated club.

Breaches of the code of conduct and discriminatory, offensive and violent behaviour will not be tolerated and complaints will be acted upon by the Association.