

GLCPA: Responsibilities of County Players

Respect:

- Remember that you are representing London, and be generally respectful towards your team-mates, other members of the Association, opponents, and people in general.
- If you have an issue with someone or with the way things are being run, at any time, raise it privately with a team captain or squad manager at an appropriate time. Remember, anything which undermines a player's confidence can harm the team.
- That includes not shouting or moving at the wrong place or time (note that there's never a right time for excessive shouting that disturbs other matches!)
- Note that there is a line between banter and abuse that should not be crossed. Do not get too personal and remember that just because something is funny does not necessarily make it ok!
- The above does not only apply to County match days! Again, you have been chosen to represent London. That is a privilege, so be considerate of your behaviour in any context which could be associated with that privilege. This includes social media. Note that professional sportspeople can be charged with bringing their game into disrepute even when they're not playing. We're not professionals, but the same idea applies.

Support:

- Support other county players when they are playing, and in particular the team you are playing for on the day. Popping off for a short while to the bar, toilet, or to eat is fine; spending extended periods away from your match on fruit machines, watching other matches or the telly, or just chatting etc is NOT.
- Be vocal in your support, while remaining respectful of our opponents and of all the matches that are underway. You must listen and act upon it, if a team captain warns you that you have crossed the line.
- Be aware of what's going on around you enough that you can manage not to put people off.
- Know your own limits when it comes to alcohol. It's ok to drink (if legal!) but it's NOT ok to do so the point where it adversely affects your game or behaviour.

Playing:

- Give your full attention to every frame you play, regardless of the match score
- Never concede a frame. This is not singles, it's not your frame to throw away!
- Never "coach".

Dress Code:

- Required to wear your county team shirt at all matches. It is also important to know and understand the EPA dress-code requirements and adhere to them at all county matches, (otherwise you won't be able to play).

Attendance:

- You have committed to playing county pool for the whole season and should be available when required (note that the all the fixture dates are available at the start of the year).
- You should attend a minimum number of matches: 70% in the Men's squad and 50% in other squads (and England internationals). Failure to do so will lead to having to re-trial.
- You should attend whenever you don't have a "good reason" not to. Playing in another pool event of any sort is NOT normally considered to be a good reason but do ask your captain if you think there are exceptional circumstances.
- Let an appropriate team captain know ASAP if you're unable to attend.
- Men's squad should confirm attendance or absence on the website forum thread in the week or 2 preceding each match, by the deadline stated there.

Subs:

- Required to pay your EPA registration fee (£15) before your first match of the season.
- Required to pay your subs before the 3rd match of the season (£30 for non-juniors, £20 for C team players)
- Expected to let someone know if you have a problem paying... don't hide from it!

Contact:

- Required to let the Registration Secretary and an appropriate team captain or squad manager know ASAP if your phone number or other contact details change
- Expected to register on the GLCPA website www.londoncountypool.com and keep an eye on it for important updates (if you don't have internet access you must let an appropriate captain know)

Refereeing:

- Learn the rules and the normal duties of referees and timekeepers
- Referee or time-keep frames when asked to by your captain
- Focus totally on the frame you are refereeing or time-keeping, including standing up while performing those duties and not being distracted by chatting or anything else
- Move around the table as required to get the best view of shots being played
- Note also that, Timekeepers are referees too and are expected to pay attention as much as the ref does, and to call fouls which they see but the referee doesn't.
- Referee and Timekeeper are expected to confer over difficult decisions, and to call upon the Senior Referee when they're still unsure or cannot reach agreement.
- No-one but the referee, timekeeper, Senior Ref, and sometimes the team captains, need to have any input whatsoever into refereeing decisions.

Disciplinary:

- Members are expected to adhere to all normal standards of acceptable and sporting behaviour, in addition to the specific points raised above.
- Breaches of the above code of conduct may result in warnings and, ultimately, removal from the squad. Serious and/or repeated breaches may result in expulsion from the Association and the EPA.