# CODE OF CONDUCT OF HORSHAM SQUASH CLUB

**Horsham Squash Club** is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

Horsham Squash Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have with:

* **A member of the squash club committee**

As a member of HSC you are expected to abide by the following **code of conduct**:

**ALL Members, Guests and Visitors**

* Must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
* Must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
* Should recognise the valuable contribution made by coaches, officials and other volunteers
* Should be a positive role model, treating other players and officials with the same level of respect they would expect for themselves
* Should use correct and proper language at all times
* Should be intolerant of bullying of any sort
* Should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or team captain if they are going to be late
* Must wear suitable, clean indoor footwear with non-marking soles when using the squash courts
* Must pay any fees for training, matches or events promptly.

**Juniors**

* Are not allowed to smoke on the premises or whilst representing their team at competitions
* Are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the premises or whilst representing their team
* Must respect their fellow players. In particular, they must not indulge in excessive banter or bullying

**Parents/carers**

* Should encourage their children to learn the rules of squash and play within them
* Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
* Should help their children to recognise good performance, not just results
* Should set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
* Should never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
* Must publicly accept judgements made by officials
* Must use correct and proper language at all times
* Should encourage and guide their children to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour
* Must refrain from communicating with their children or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during a match