

Glasgow Lions Touch Rugby Club Players Code of Conduct

Introduction to the Code

The Lions is a community sports club with the aims to make touch “for all”. The Club believes the following values and beliefs are crucial to its sustainability as a place to learn and enjoy the game of Touch Rugby:

Respect

The Club values every player regardless of ability. The Club supports any player who wishes to improve, be it a brand new beginner or existing players who wish to play at regional and international levels.

Loyalty

The Club needs the loyalty of players as it cannot effectively function as a coherent Club without them.

Volunteering

The Club needs those who give time over to the work of the club inside/outside of training, from committee to captains, mentors and occasional contributors as it cannot sustain itself without them.

The greater good of the game

The Club recognises the continuing fragility of the game in Glasgow and Scotland and that the game (and the Lions) needs more Glasgow teams. The club always prefers to grow players new to the game and assists other Glasgow teams/clubs where possible.

The Code

Recognising these values and beliefs, the club has the following expectations of its members at all times:

1. All Glasgow Lions Members' first loyalty is to their own Club. If players are available to play 'competitive' touch, they play for the Lions. (Official regional and international duty obviously excepted). Please refer to the Player Eligibility Policy section 2.2 for further guidelines of lending players.
2. All Glasgow Lions Members will respect and support each other to develop.
3. Player feedback is valued and encouraged however please do this at the appropriate times either before or end of the training sessions and games or when invited to. Players must accept the coach/captain/managers word as final.

4. All Glasgow Lions Members should generally travel and stay together for tournaments. If they need to make alternative arrangements, they must communicate this clearly to the team manager by telephone the previous day.
5. All Glasgow Lions Members are ambassadors for the Club and the game and should behave in a sporting manner accordingly. This means listening to coaches, assistant coaches, captains and team managers.
6. Any behavior that is abusive, threatening, intimidating as well as the use of bad language towards club officials, coaches, referees fellow players or towards players from opposing teams will not be tolerated at any time and will be treated as a serious breach of the club rules.

Resolutions

Generally, breaches will be handled in the first instance by the coaches, assistant coaches, captains and team managers.

Serious or continual breaches will be discussed at Club committee level as to disciplinary actions and may result in a request that a player's membership of the Club be revoked. At all times, the player concerned will have the right to state their case.