



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. It will not take existing players from other Glasgow teams as full playing members unless that player would cease to play touch otherwise. It assists other Glasgow teams where possible.

The Code

Recognising these values and beliefs, the club has the following expectations of its players in training and in tournaments:

1. A player’s first loyalty is their own Club. If players are available to play ‘competitive’ touch, they play for the Lions. (Official regional and international duty obviously excepted, as is lending of players during a tournament*).
2. Players will respect and support each other to develop.
3. Feedback is valued but players must accept the coaches’ word as final.
4. Players 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. Players are ambassadors for the Club and the game and should behave accordingly.

Generally, breaches will be handled in the first instance by the coaches and team managers. Minor breaches may be handled by a Captains Kangaroo Court at the nearest hostelry.

Serious breaches or continual breaches may lead to a discussion at Club committee and ultimately 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.

* if the coach sees it as necessary, and if appropriate in light of Lions objectives