

## Code of practice for league play

### STOWMARKET TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Stowmarket Table Tennis Club is fully committed to ensuring that all members who represent the club in league matches conduct themselves appropriately, project a good image of the club at all times and enjoy playing league matches for the club.

Whilst representing Stowmarket Table Tennis Club in the league, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Team Captains should let opponents know in cases of cancellation as soon as possible. The Team Captain should also confirm that any message regarding the cancellation has been received by the opposing captain i.e. an email without response is not enough.
- Home Captains should enter their team onto the matchcard first except for the doubles which can be done just before the doubles match is played.
- Players should ensure they use only approved equipment ensuring rubbers are on the latest up to date ITTF list.
- Bats should not be changed during an individual game unless damaged beyond use.
- Players should acknowledge nets and edges.
- Players should shake hands with opponent and umpire at end of match regardless of result
- Players should not be coached during games (i.e. whilst a set is in play) only between sets or between matches.
- Consideration for noise should be given for matches in progress. This includes when arriving/leaving, whilst watching matches and giving consideration to other matches being played to not make unreasonable noise whilst playing in a match
- Fees for league play should be paid promptly when requested by the clubs treasurer.
- Players should arrive at 7pm and ensure practice before the match starts is completed promptly. Our matches are due to start at 7:15.
- If players believe they are likely to be late please ensure your captain or another player is aware. It is worth noting that the leagues rules state that any player not present by 8.15pm shall forfeit their games unless agreed before the start of the match.
- If players are unable to play in matches for which they are scheduled to play they shall notify their Team Captain as soon as possible.
- Players and Team Captains' should ensure that the match is kept moving by keeping time between games to a minimum and playing on another table (if available) if your match is falling behind.
- The Club provides squash and cups in the store for both sets of players use during matches – please offer some to your opponents.
- Players should play within the spirit as well as within the letter of the laws of Table Tennis and respect opponents, officials and their decisions
- Players should recognise fair play and acknowledge good performances as well as good results
- Players should use appropriate language at all times
- Players should wear suitable non-marking indoor sports footwear and clothing which complies with the rules of table tennis.
- Players should always encourage and support your fellow team members at all times without behaving in an unsporting manner towards their opponents.

Adopted in Club Committee Meeting minutes

Signed:



Club Chairman

Dated:

26 Mar 2014