

Blyth Lifeguard & Swimming Club



Fair Play Policy

Fair play is defined as much more than playing within the rules. It incorporates the concepts of friendships, respecting others and always playing within the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just a way of behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating, gamesmanship, doping, violence (both physical and verbal), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialisation and corruption.

Fair play is an essential and central part of successful promotion, development and involvement in sport. Through fair play, the individual, the sports organisations and society as a whole all win. We all have responsibility to promote: Fair play - The winning way.

BLSC will:

- Promote and encourage fair play through its members
- Ensure that its rules are fair, clearly understood by performers, coaches, officials and administrators and properly enforced
- Make every effort to ensure that its rules are applied consistently and with absolute impartiality
- Treat all members equally, irrespective of gender, race or physical characteristics
- Impress upon performers, coaches, officials and administrators the need to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship in running and playing their sport

BLSC Officials will:

- Abide by the rules and the spirit of the competition
- Be fair, considerate and honest with others
- Be professional in their actions, language, presentation, manner, punctuality and should reflect high standards
- Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures
- Maintain strict impartiality
- Maintain a safe environment for others
- Show caution and concern toward others
- Be a positive role model to others
- Show respect to performers

BLSC competitors will:

- Abide by the rules and the spirit of the competition
- Accept the decisions of referees and judges without question or complaint
- Never consider cheating and in particular, must not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs

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- Exercise reasonable self-control at all times
- Learn to accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and magnanimity and without excessive emotional display
- Treat their opponents and team-mates with respect both in and out of the competition arena

BLSC Coaches will:

- Insist that performers understand and abide by the principles of fair play
- Never countenance the use of drugs by performers
- Never employ methods or practices that could involve risks, however slight, to the long-term health or physical development of their performers
- Not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their performers or their opponents.

BLSC Club Officials will:

- Respect the regulations and authority of their governing body and it's member organisations and not attempt to avoid or circumvent these regulations
- Recognise the special role that they have to play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of sportsmanship at all times
- Respect the rights of other clubs and not deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of any other club
- Not endeavour to influence the result of a competition by any action not strictly
- Respect the rights of performers, coaches, officials and not exploit or deliberately act in a manner intended to be detrimental to them
- within the rules and regulations, or within the fundamental precepts of fair play

Sponsors and promoters will:

- Not seek to influence unduly or improperly the outcome of competitions by financial or other inducements
- Recognise that the administration and organisation of all sporting competitions and events is the exclusive responsibility of the governing body.

Blyth Lifeguard and Swimming Club follows guidance provided by Relevant Governing Bodies (RGB) Swim England, Royal Lifesaving Society (RLSS) Surf Lifesaving Great Britain (SLGB), Swim Teachers Association (STA) and The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NCPCC) in formulating our policies, regulations and codes of conduct and in having robust procedures in place for when these are breached.

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