

BUDS Player Code of Conduct

Players participating in Brunswick Ultimate Disc Society (BUDS) training, competition and social events agree to abide by the following code of conduct to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all members of our community:

1. SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Play fairly and understand and follow the rules of the game.

- Our sport relies on playing with good spirit which places the responsibility of fair play on the players themselves.
- The responsibility for the maintenance of this spirit rests on every player's shoulders.
- Understanding and playing by the rules is every player's responsibility.
- A player should never set out to ignore or deliberately break any rules.

2. RESPECT FOR TEAMMATES & OPPONENTS

Be respectful of all other players of the game.

- Highly competitive and committed play is encouraged, but never at the expense of the bond of mutual respect between players.
- If an issue cannot be resolved between players, players should approach their team captain to try to settle the problem as quickly as possible.
- Any verbal or physical abuse of another player is never acceptable.

3. RESPECT FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Be respectful when dealing with staff and volunteers including event organisers, administrators associated with other teams.

- Volunteering is a key part of Ultimate Frisbee, and without the efforts of volunteers, our sport would not function.
- Staff and volunteers deserve to be treated with respect.
- Any abuse of staff or volunteers, including event organisers and administrators associated with other teams, is never acceptable.

4. FAIR TREATMENT OF OTHERS

Treat everyone fairly without harassment or discrimination.

- BUDS is committed to the fair treatment of everyone.
- All members must comply with the AFDA Member Protection Policy which prohibits harassment and discrimination.
- All members must be treated fairly, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.

5. SAFE PLAY

Compete in a safe and orderly manner and obey the rules about safe play.

- Rules and policies exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all people involved in Ultimate Frisbee.

- Players should not engage in conduct that is dangerous or potentially harmful to either themselves or others.
- AFDA has implemented a set of policies to regulate safe play.
- Players and event organisers are required to comply with the AFDA Safe Play policies.

6. OFF-FIELD BEHAVIOUR

Behave appropriately when not on the field and when involved in BUDS events.

All BUDS members are expected to behave appropriately and in accordance with this Code of Conduct in an off-field environment. This includes:

- at the fields both before and after playing in any league or tournament.
- at social events and/or any other BUDS function.
- At all times, all players are expected to follow the AFDA Responsible Alcohol Policy.
- Players Under 18 teams are not to consume any alcohol at a BUDS event.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH AFDA POLICIES

All players must respect and comply with all AFDA policies.

8. BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR OUR SPORT

Promote our sport through good conduct and behaviour.

- We are all ambassadors for our sport and the teams that we play for.
- How each member behaves directly effects what others think about our sport.
- Behaviour that will bring the sport of Ultimate Frisbee or BUDS into disrepute is a breach of this Code of Conduct.

BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

A breach of the Code of Conduct will occur if a player does not comply with the expected standards of behaviour set out in the Code. A breach may therefore include (with reference to the relevant clause), but are not limited to:

- Cheating or deliberate fouling (spirit of the game)
- Repeated physical contact on field/ inadequate measures taken to avoid contact (spirit of the game)
- Taunting or abusive heckling (respect for other players)
- Violence against another player (respect for other players, safe play)
- Repeated dangerous play (safe play)
- Threatening an event organiser (respect for volunteers)
- Making a racist or sexist comment (fair treatment of others)
- Providing alcohol to a minor at a social event (off-field)

By participating in a BUDS organised event all players agree to abide by the above code of conduct.