



SCOTTISH PARA-FOOTBALL

Ethical Statement

This policy is written to underpin both Scottish Para-Football as well Para-Football Game Leader Organisations who are members of Scottish Para-Football. Therefore this policy will be adopted by each individual Para-Football Game Leader Organisation. If your concern relate to Scottish Para-Football please contact the National Office. However if your concern relate to a Para-Football Game Leader Organisation please contact their Committee directly.

Para-Football is important. It can have a huge impact on people's lives, bringing them together and helping them to be happy, healthy and fulfilled. It can build communities.

Para-Football at the local level can help to establish a community's values and create harmony. So it is important that Para-Football is played, officiated and governed fairly. All of us who participate in sport, whether as players, administrators, official's coaches or supporters – must take personal responsibility for ensuring that Para-Football is fun and fair for all. If we fail to do so we will all suffer and so will Para-Football. It is therefore essential that we maintain high ethical standards.

But what does that mean? There is no simple answer to this question, but it is clear that ethics is not just about shaking someone's hand at the end of a game. Instead, having ethical standards is an ongoing process of learning and improvement. One workable definition is that ethics in sport is the systematic application of moral rules, principles, values and norms. Violence, breaking the rules, abuse of drugs, lack of fair play and other unethical behaviours are unacceptable to the Scottish Para-Football (SPF). At Scottish Para-Football we expect people to consider and then to apply the following values;

- Integrity
- Respect
- Fairness
- Inclusion
- Equality
- Transparency

Scottish Para-Football staff, Trustees, Members, Associations, Clubs and their members agree to;

- Abide by the principles above
- Sign and agree to relevant codes of conducts
- Set a good example at all times
- Follow the spirit of policies and required e.g. Equity
- Abide by and agree to international/national policies and guidelines e.g. anti-doping, safeguarding procedures.
- Establishing, living and embodying ethical values is imperative to the successful running of Para-Football

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