



Code of Conduct for Staffordshire and Cheshire Korfball Association (SaCKA) competitions

SaCKA is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its member clubs and their players, coaches and referees. SaCKA believes that it is important that everyone associated with the clubs within the Association should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, everyone is encouraged to be open and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of SaCKA competitions with either the SaCKA Safeguarding Officer or the SaCKA Competitions Officer, as appropriate. Contact details can be found on the Association's website (<http://www.staffs.korfball.org.uk/about/the-committee/>).

All members of clubs playing in affiliated SaCKA competitions are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions. This includes the following aspects:
 - Referee's decisions are final and should not be contested;
 - Any enquiry to clarify a decision should be made politely via the team captain;
 - The league relies upon referees volunteering to officiate at matches and there may be occasions when inexperienced referees are used – they should still be treated with the same respect as experienced referees;
 - Any problems with a particular game or refereeing performance that cannot be solved on the day of the match should be addressed to the SaCKA Competitions Officer.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity. This is not limited to players and should include respect owing to opponents both on and off the pitch.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for matches or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable team kit, including indoor trainers, for all matches, as agreed with their coach or team manager.
- Members are not allowed to smoke at match venues or consume alcohol or drugs of any kind. Although SaCKA is not currently required to take part in Anti Doping (UKAD) testing and regulations, it is expected that members will behave in a manner that would not place the Area Association into disrepute regarding the taking of chemical substances, legal or otherwise.
- Any points not already covered by this Code of Conduct and subsequently implemented by England Korfball and/or Staffordshire and Cheshire Korfball Association, should be considered to have been added to the policy at the point of which they become enshrined in regulation.

