



Code of Ethics

Guidelines & Good Practice

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1 Introduction

British Orienteering's Code of Ethics and Behaviour is the ethical philosophy under which the sport operates. It describes the behaviour expected of all within orienteering in the UK.

British Orienteering is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the sport at every level.

The Code of Ethics and Behaviour encapsulates all the sporting, moral and ethical principles that orienteering represents. The Code is intended for all participants and disciplines within the sport. Everyone involved in the sport should promote equality of opportunity, fairness and respect. All those involved within orienteering have a responsibility to act according to the highest standards of integrity and to ensure that the reputation of the sport is, and remains, high.

The purpose of the Code of Ethics is to:

- Establish the expected minimum standards of behaviour and conduct for all people involved within the sport

We believe its content will contribute to the British Orienteering vision, which is *more people, more places, more podiums*

2 Code of Ethics

Terms of reference

The content of this Code of Ethics applies to all involved with the sport of orienteering in the UK.

In order to protect the reputation of orienteering in the UK, the Code also applies to all those associated with British Orienteering who are involved in orienteering overseas.

Expected Minimum Standards of Behaviour and Conduct

All individuals involved in orienteering will, at all times:

- Respect the spirit of fairness in orienteering. This is more than participating within the rules – it also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Promote the reputation of orienteering and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Protect themselves and others involved in orienteering from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.
- Abide by 'O Safe' the British Orienteering Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Policy and Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines.
- Abide by the British Orienteering Equality Policy.
- Abide by the British Orienteering Anti-doping Rules.
- Take personal responsibility to ensure that they are suitably insured for their activities.