



Code of Conduct for Umpires

For the All England Taekwon-Do Association

Introduction

This code of conduct is the guideline on common standards of conduct & behaviour to be adhered to by all Umpires at events hosted by The All England Taekwon-Do Association (AETA).

In Taekwon-Do, umpires are regarded as people in a position of trust because of the authority and responsibility they hold over competitors, particularly children and young people.

Their decisions directly affect safety, fairness, and the wellbeing of all participants, and their conduct sets the standard for the competition environment. As trusted adults, umpires are expected to act with integrity, impartiality, and professionalism at all times, maintaining appropriate boundaries and modelling respectful behaviour. This position of trust requires umpires to be vigilant in safeguarding, to challenge or report any inappropriate conduct, and to place the welfare of competitors above all other considerations.

The purpose of this code of conduct is to fulfil goals and objectives laid out in The All England Taekwon-Do Association (AETA) Safeguarding policy.

1. Umpires must not take any photos or videos in competitions without prior consent or arrangement.
2. Umpires should model good behaviour and set good examples.
3. Umpires must stay within the law whilst attending competitions.
4. Umpires should treat students, competitors and fellow umpires fairly and without prejudice or discrimination.
5. Umpires must ensure their contact with students, competitors and fellow umpires is appropriate and done in a manner that does not involve purposefully upsetting an individual or group of competitors or singling out a student, competitor or fellow umpires.
6. Umpires should contribute towards providing a safe competition environment for students, competitors and fellow umpires and should not use aggressive or intimidating behaviour.



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7. Umpires should not disrupt a competition or student. They can approach and discuss incidents with the organiser or a safeguarding or welfare officer during or after the competition.
 8. Umpires have a duty of care to report any concerns they have witnessed at a competition to either the organiser or a safeguarding or welfare officer.

Safeguarding Concerns can be raised and reported at safeguarding@aeta.uk

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