

# **GOSPORT BMX CLUB**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Gosport BMX Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing and enjoyment of the sport of all its members. The club believes it is important that all members, coaches, other volunteers and parents/carers associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. It is essential that all people involved in cycling recognise and ensure that everyone has an equal right to participate in the sport. Members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have.

### **As a member of the club you are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:**

Ensure you arrive for club activities in good time to prepare properly and be ready for the published start time.

Wear suitable kit and clothing for all club activities. This must include a correctly fitted & fastened full face helmet and gloves. Your helmet must be correctly fastened before you enter the track or pens. Club volunteers can assist with information about suitable kit and clothing.

Always warm up and cool down properly.

All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.

Be a good sport. Applaud all good rides whether they are made by your club or the opposition.

All members must control their temper. Verbal or physical abuse of officials and other riders, or deliberately distracting/provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours. Bullying and other forms of abuse are never acceptable. Treat all participants in riding as you like to be treated. You must always adhere to the club's Anti Bullying Policy.

Use of foul and abusive language is unacceptable.

Work equally hard for yourself and your club. Your club's performance will benefit, and so will you.

Pay any fees for training or events promptly.

All members under 18 years old are not allowed to smoke/vape or consume alcohol on the club premises or whilst representing the club at events. Under no circumstances and at no time will the use of drugs be tolerated by any participants regardless of age.

Show appreciation and respect for coaches, officials, administrators, other volunteers and your opponents. Without them there would be no sport for you to participate in.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone regardless of their race, colour, gender, marital status, sexuality, age, disability, occupation, religion or political persuasion.

Any breaches of this code of conduct should be reported to a committee member and could result in disciplinary action.