

SATA SENIOR INTER-PROVINCIAL TOUCH TOURNAMENT

CODE OF CONDUCT

All KZNTA participants at the tournament are bound by, and subject to the Code of Conduct Guidelines. It is the responsibility of each member of the Association to ensure that **all players and officials** set a very high standard of behaviour for themselves at ALL times for the duration of the tournament.

All participants in the tournament are expected to adhere to the following:

The KZN Touch Association (KZNTA) is committed to fostering an environment of respect, integrity, and excellence. As members of this community, players, officials, and staff are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct. The following principles serve as the foundation for promoting a positive and supportive atmosphere within the association:

1. **Encourage Honest and Open Competition**

Members are expected to engage in competition with integrity, fairness, and transparency. We strive for an environment where everyone has the opportunity to grow, develop, and reach their full potential.

2. **Respect Individual Differences**

The diversity of individuals within the SATA community is to be celebrated. We recognize and respect the unique backgrounds, cultures, perspectives, and experiences of all members, creating an inclusive environment for all players and staff.

3. **Display Sportmanlike Characteristics**

All members should demonstrate professionalism, courtesy, and respect in both word and deed. Our conduct on and off the field should reflect the values of the association and serve as a model for others.

4. **Support Innovation and Creativity**

KZNTA encourages fresh ideas and creative approaches to improving the game and the organization as a whole. Innovation is key to the growth and evolution of the sport, and members are encouraged to contribute actively in this regard.

5. **Share Failures and Successes**

Both triumphs and setbacks are part of the journey. We support each other in learning from experiences, celebrating our achievements, and using challenges as opportunities for growth.

6. **Collaborate as a Team**

Success within KZNTA is driven by collaboration. Members are encouraged to contribute as part of a collective effort, working together towards achieving the association's goals and objectives.

7. Respect for Tournament Officials and Referees

All members must adhere to the decisions of tournament officials and referees, demonstrating respect and professionalism at all times. Their roles are critical to ensuring the integrity of the competition.

8. Adherence to SATA Doping Policy

During tournaments, it is imperative that all members strictly adhere to the SATA Doping Policy. The use of performance-enhancing drugs, alcohol, or any illicit substances is prohibited and will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

9. No Alcohol, Drugs, or Artificial Stimulants

The consumption of alcohol, drugs, or any artificial stimulants is strictly prohibited at all SATA-related events and activities. These substances are incompatible with the values and safety standards of the association.

10. No Smoking of Any Description

Smoking in any form is not permitted during SATA events. This policy is in place to ensure the health and safety of all participants and to maintain a professional and respectful environment.

11. Attend Medal Ceremonies

Competitors should demonstrate respect for the event and their fellow athletes by attending medal ceremonies and celebrating the achievements of others.

Player Code of Conduct:

1. Play by the Rules

Adherence to the official rules of the game is essential at all times. Players must ensure that their conduct both on and off the field aligns with the principles of fairness and integrity.

2. Commitment to Team and Self

Players are expected to give their best efforts for both their personal growth and the success of the team. Dedication to the collective goals is paramount, while maintaining personal accountability for one's performance.

3. Exhibit Exemplary Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is at the core of our values. Players should exhibit respectful, honest, and courteous behavior toward all participants, including teammates, opponents, and officials, both during and after the competition.

4. Zero Tolerance for Foul Play

Any form of foul play—whether physical aggression, verbal abuse, or unsportsmanlike conduct—will not be tolerated. The spirit of the game should always take precedence over personal conflict or frustration.

5. Respect for All Members of the Community

Respect is a foundational principle of SATA. Players must show respect for coaches, managers, teammates, tournament officials, referees, and opponents at all times.

6. Enjoy the Game

Enjoyment and passion for the sport are vital. Players should engage in the game with enthusiasm, dedication, and a positive attitude, striving to contribute to the overall enjoyment and success of the team.

7. Responsible Social Media Use

Players are expected to refrain from posting negative, inappropriate, or divisive content on social media. The reputation of the association and its members should always be upheld.

8. Punctuality

Timeliness is essential. Players must arrive at scheduled events, practices, and tournaments on time, prepared and ready to participate.

Disciplinary Action:

Any player or official found guilty of misconduct or breaching this Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to fines, penalties, or suspension. Disciplinary measures will be determined by the KZNTA Management or SATA Executive Committee based on the severity of the violation.