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BFA Code of Conduct v1.1

Introduced Concepts

Code of Conduct taken from the VIFA rules and expanded upon to include definitions. I suggest we need to agree the wording and then look to implement the code at all UK tournaments where the BFA has direct influence in the running of the tournament.

Requires:

1. Tournament Organiser / Promoter to agree before the tournament to use the Code of Conduct and abide by past and future rulings covered by the Code of Conduct. This should be discussed at the time of arranging the details of the tournament.
 2. The appointed Tournament Director to appoint a Head Official before the tournament (from list of BFA Approved / Certified Officials)
 3. The appointed Tournament Director and the Head Official should be clearly identified when advertising tournaments, and attention should be drawn to the Code of Conduct where necessary.
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The Head Official

The Head Official, appointed by the Tournament Director at the start of a tournament, is responsible for all matters pertaining to Rules of Play and Code of Conduct, and the decision of the Head Official in such matters is final. The Head Official can choose to seek the views of witnesses and involved parties as appropriate.

1. The Head Official has the power to appoint referees, restart games and restart matches as he/she believes appropriate.
2. The Head Official and Tournament Director combined have the power to award matches, and in serious breaches to disqualify persons from events. In cases involving a serious breach a panel comprising the Tournament Director, the Head Official and a third person elected by the BFA Executive Committee, shall consider what further action is appropriate, and will have the power to ban persons from future tournaments and deduct ranking points.

The Code of Conduct

Any action of an unsportsmanlike nature during tournament play, in the tournament room, or on the grounds of the host facility, will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct.

1. Insults, expletives, unwarranted distractions and interfering with play are examples of minor breaches, and will usually be resolved via a warning and the appointment of a referee if during a game. Continued breach will result in the offending party forfeiting of the game or their next game.
2. Violent conduct, physical threats, racial abuse, sexual abuse, spitting and causing damage to equipment or environment through unreasonable means are examples of serious breaches of the Code of Conduct, and shall result in the offending party immediately forfeiting their current or subsequent match, and also being subject

to further action as deemed appropriate by the Head Official and Tournament Director.

Decisions and Appeals

If a Certified Official is witness to the events in question, then an appeal to the official's ruling on the incident must be made immediately at the end of the match to the Head Official. If a Certified Official is not witness to the events in question, then one must be called over to make a judgement call as to whether and how the match should be concluded, or whether to refer the appeal to the Head Official for immediate adjudication.

1. Appeals must be made before the ball being played at the time of the controversy is put back into play. An appeal concerning the loss of a match must be filed immediately following the match.
2. At the discretion of a Certified Official an unsuccessful appeal can result in the appealing team being charged with a time out, and / or penalty points.
3. Arguing with a Certified Official during a match will not be allowed. Violation of this rule will result in a delay of game penalty and / or a violation of the Code of Conduct.

The Tournament

Event _____

Date _____

Tournament
Director _____

Head Official _____

BFA Certified Officials

Distribution: Executive Committee Only

General

Appointment

By agreement of the Executive Committee, following nomination by a member of the executive committee. Sufficient information should be provided by the nominating committee member to allow the reasoned assessment of the nominee, and reasons for the inclusion on the list of certified officials.

Appropriate information includes:

- Brief playing history, tournament experience and any recognised refereeing accreditations
- Nominee's willingness to assume the responsibility, and understanding of the issues underlying the code of conduct
- History of conduct, both at tournaments and within the general table football community

It is assumed that the VIFA qualified referees will be grandfathered in, subject to their acknowledgement of the responsibilities of the position.

If deemed appropriate candidates may be sanctioned on an ad hoc basis, or for tournaments on specific table types.

The executive committee shall maintain a list of all certified officials, together with brief details of their appointment and tournament undertakings. This list shall be reviewed on a regular basis.

Current List of Certified Officials, as at 7 May 2003

- **Dave Perrott:** VIFA qualified official, many years experience playing and refereeing, and a regular on the UK tour. Officiated the Grand Junction tournament in April 2003.
 - **Boris Atha:** Regular tournament director, with many years' experience, and also a regular on the tour. Is involved on an ongoing basis with the development of standardised rules across Europe.
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