

Grove Squash Club Team Charter

The purpose is to create a club team charter that guides values and behaviours for the team players.

- Captains should do everything possible to play a match with a full team of players. Never concede a rubber if you are short from your normal player pool. It's best practice to take a junior to give them match experience.
- When a captain is struggling to field a team for a match, the higher team captain has priority on the best player from the lower team/teams to maximise the Clubs strength.
 - If several team matches fall on the same evening, this filters down through the other teams.
 - Team captains should discuss this prior to making direct contact with team members from other teams.
 - Best practice is that Captains should ascertain availability of team members at least one week in advance, so that there is plenty of time for other affected teams to plan when players are not available.
 - A caveat to this is towards the end of the season as it will depend on where the teams lie in the leagues and it then becomes a discussion between the relevant captains.
- As a club we have a zero-tolerance policy for any unsportsmanlike behaviour, team captains should deal with this behaviour in a timely manner and report it to the club chairman and committee as soon as possible.
 - a. Unsportsmanlike behaviour includes physicality on and off the court, foul language and any threatening behaviour towards an opponent or the marker.
 - b. Captains must encourage and guide team members to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
 - c. This extends to team communications on the club's WhatsApp community groups.
 - d. Should any Grove team player be the recipient of such behaviour from an opponent, the team captain should report this to Notts Squash, The club chairman and club committee members the following day. As a club we expect our opponents to abide by the same standards we set ourselves.
- All team members should be supported and helped to mark matches for home fixtures.
- Club Captains are responsible for collecting subs from team players. Two reminders are sufficient then report this to the chairman. Fees are the same for home and away matches.
- It's the captain's responsibility to arrive at home matches with new squash balls (issued by Ash the Club treasurer), pens and marking sheets.
- If available, team captains should make every effort to have their team playing in club branded shirts for all team and cup games.