



Care and Safety of Young Players — Advice for players and officials

The English Bridge Union is concerned for the welfare of all young people participating in these championships. To help ensure their good health, safety and security, the following guidance notes have been drawn up, which we advise all teams to follow.

- 1 Team officials should set standards of acceptable behaviour for their team members, which must be strictly enforced. These should cover such things as:
 - times at which players are expected to be in their overnight accommodation (at no time must anyone extra be accommodated in players' rooms)
 - notification of players' whereabouts when not with the team as a whole
 - attendance at official events
 - dress/personal appearance
 - smoking
 - language in public
 - punctuality
 - excessive noise (especially at night)
 - behaviour towards hosts (where applicable)
- 2 Consumption of alcohol must be strictly restricted to agreed times and places. Please note that persons under 18 may not purchase alcohol in this country.
- 3 Use of illegal drugs and substances must be totally prohibited.
- 4 Team officials must ensure that, prior to travelling to the event, they obtain:
 - consent forms signed by parents or guardians for all players under the age of 18
 - emergency home contact telephone numbers for all team members
 - details of all medication currently being taken by players, together with details of any allergies to any medication
 - details of special dietary requirements which, where necessary, must be communicated to those providing catering services
- 5 All participants must make sure they are aware of the emergency Fire Procedures at the Riviera Centre and at their overnight accommodation. They should also acquaint themselves of the availability of First Aid facilities.
- 6 When travelling between the Riviera Centre and their accommodation or other locations, players must aim always to be in company and avoid being alone, especially late at night. No lifts should be accepted from any unauthorised persons.
- 7 In the first instance, team members with any problems or concerns should turn to their non-playing captain, team supporter or other team official for advice or support. In any cases of difficulty, however, players should contact the English Bridge Union Welfare Officer on-site, who is Chris Duckworth. She will be working as part of the Vu-Graph team for much of the time, but can be contacted via the Hospitality Desk.

These guidance notes are particularly important for teams playing in the Schools Series, including players under the age of 18, but much of the advice is worthy of consideration by all teams. We hope they will help everyone to represent their country with credit and enjoy a worry-free tournament.