

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT



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1	Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.	Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of gender, disability, ethnic origin or religion.			
2	Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a Positive experience.	 All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport. 			
3	Treat each athlete as an individual.	 Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual athlete. Help each athlete reach their full potential. 			
4	Be fair, considerate and honest with Athletes.	 Treat each person as an individual. 			
5	Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.	 Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards. Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport - this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities Adopt appropriate and responsible behavior in all interactions. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented. 			



6	Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.	 Maintain or improve your current knowledge & level of certification / accreditation. Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education. Provide a high quality training program which is planned and reviewed and improved. Maintain appropriate records. Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
7	Operate within the rules and spirit of our sport.	 The guidelines of national and international bodies governing our sport should be followed. Always be up to date with your knowledge and application of the rules, our constitution, our by-laws, relevant policies, eg. Antidoping Policy, Medical Procedures, Selection procedures etc. Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with the WADA Policies and procedures.
8	Any physical contact with athletes should be:	 Appropriate to the situation. Necessary for the athlete's skill development.
9	Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes.	 This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
10	Refrain from any form of harassment towards your athletes.	 This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability You should not only refrain from initiating a relationship with an athlete, but should also discourage any attempt by an athlete to initiate a sexual relationship with you, explaining the ethical basis of your refusal. Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.



11	Provide a safe environment for training and Competition.	 Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards. Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be Appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes. Ensure your decisions and actions
12	Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.	 contribute to a safe environment. Provide a modified individualised training program where appropriate. Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate. Encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required. Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
13	Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.	 Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs. Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.