

THE COACH'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.**
 - Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, 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.
3. **Treat each athlete as an individual.**
 - Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual athlete.
4. **Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes**
 - Help each athlete reach his or her full potential.
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.
6. **Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.**
 - Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation.
 - Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and on-going coach education.
 - Provide a training program, which is planned and sequential.
 - Maintain appropriate records.
7. **Operate within the rules of your state/territory association.**
 - The guidelines of national and international bodies governing your sport should be followed. Please contact your sport for a copy of the rule book, constitution, by-laws and relevant policies, eg. Anti-doping Policy, selection procedures etc.
 - Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with the Australia Sports Drug Agency (ASDA).
8. **Any physical contact with athletes should:**
 - Be appropriate for the situation
 - Be necessary for the athlete's skill development.
9. **Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes.#**
 - Includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.
 - Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst 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 a 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.
11. **Provide a safe environment for training and competition.**
 - Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
 - Equipment, rules, training and the environment needs to be appropriate for the age and ability of the athlete.
12. **Show concern and caution towards sick or injured athletes.**
 - Provide a modified coaching program where appropriate.
 - Allow further participation in coaching 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**
 - Both on and off the green

Please refer to the Harassment-Free Sport Guidelines available from the Australian Sports Commission for more information on harassment issues.

AS A COACH YOU SHOULD

- **Be treated with respect and openness.**
- **Have access to self-improvement opportunities**
- **Be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence.**



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DATE: _____