

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT



Coaches Code of Conduct		
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.	<ul> <li>All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.</li> <li>Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.</li> </ul>
3	Treat each athlete as an individual.	<ul> <li>Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual athlete.</li> <li>Help each athlete reach their full potential.</li> </ul>
4	Be fair, considerate and honest with	
5	Athletes. Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.	<ul> <li>Treat each person as an individual.</li> <li>Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards.</li> <li>Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport - this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.</li> <li>Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities</li> <li>Adopt appropriate and responsible behavior in all interactions.</li> <li>Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.</li> </ul>
6	Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.	<ul> <li>Maintain or improve your current knowledge &amp; level of certification / accreditation.</li> <li>Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education.</li> <li>Provide a high quality training program which is planned and reviewed and improved.</li> <li>Maintain appropriate records.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>



-		
	Operate within the rules and spirit of our sport.	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with the WADA Policies and procedures.</li> </ul>
8	Any physical contact with athletes should be:	<ul> <li>Appropriate to the situation.</li> <li>Necessary for the athlete's skill development.</li> </ul>
9	Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes or officials	<ul> <li>This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.</li> <li>Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.</li> </ul>
10	Refrain from any form of harassment towards your athletes or officials.	<ul> <li>This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.</li> </ul>
11	Provide a safe environment for training and Competition.	<ul> <li>Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.</li> <li>Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be</li> <li>Appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.</li> <li>Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.</li> </ul>
12	Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.	<ul> <li>Provide a modified individualised training program where appropriate.</li> <li>Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.</li> <li>Encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.</li> <li>Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.</li> </ul>
13	Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.	<ul> <li>Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.</li> <li>Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.</li> </ul>