

Fair Play Code for Coaches

1. I will treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
2. I will direct comments at the performance rather than the person.
3. I will consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of my sport and of coaching.
4. I will refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches.
5. I will abstain from and discourage the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products in conjunction with sport. I will never provide athletes with drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products. I will never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other performance enhancing substances.
6. I will refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching.
7. I will ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the ages, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes and will educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
8. I will co-operate with registered medical practitioners in the overall management of my athletes' medical and psychological problems. I will consider the athletes' future health and well being foremost.
9. I will recognize and accept when to refer athletes to other coaches or sport specialists. I will allow athletes' goals to take precedence over my own.
10. I will regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and self-awareness.
11. I will treat opponents and officials with respect, both in victory and defeat, and I will encourage athletes to act accordingly at all times.
12. I will co-operate with the athletes' parents or legal guardians, involving them in their children's development.
13. I will be aware of the academic pressures placed on student athletes and conduct practices and competitions in a manner so as to allow academic success.
14. I will ensure the safety of the athletes with whom I work.
15. I will, at no time, become intimately and/or sexually involved with my athletes. This includes requests for sexual favours or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.
16. I will respect athletes' dignity; verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable.