

## Coach's Code of Ethics

- 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.

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- 2. Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience**
  - All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.

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- 3. Treat each athlete as an individual.**
  - Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete.
  - Help each athlete reach their full potential.

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- 4. Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes.**
- 5. Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.**
  - Display high standards in your language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation.
  - 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.

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- 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 ongoing coach education.
  - Provide a training program which is planned and sequential.
  - Maintain appropriate records.

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- 7. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport.**
  - The guidelines of national and international bodies governing your sport should be followed. Please contact your sport for a copy of its rulebook,

- constitution, by laws, relevant policies, eg. Anti doping policy, selection procedures etc.
- Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA).

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- 8. Any physical contact with athletes should be:**
- a. Appropriate to the situation**
  - b. Necessary for the athlete's skill development\***

- This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.
- Be alert to any forms of abuse directed toward your athletes from other sources while they are in your care.

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- 9. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes\***

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- 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.

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- 11. Provide a safe environment for training and competition.**

- Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
  - Ensure equipment, rules, training and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.
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**12. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured athletes.**

- Provide a modified 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 toward sick and injured athletes.

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**13. Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.**

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