

Coaches Code of Conduct



All coaches involved with children and young people in the club should:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and the experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour. This is a non-smoking and drinking environment.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the National Governing Body
- Hold appropriate qualifications and insurance cover.
- Never exert undue influence over participants to gain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Never use foul or inappropriate language.
- Wear appropriate clothing when involved in training juveniles. At a minimum this should be a pair of shorts and a technical training singlet.
- Never engage in any form of sexual relations with anyone under the age of 18, or vulnerable adults.
- Do use a group email system for communicating with parents/guardians & coaches of athletes.
- Do not communicate individually by social media, text or email with juvenile athletes
- Do not engage in communications with underage athletes individually via personal social network sites.
- Always use official squad group text or social media sites to communicate with juvenile athletes.
- A coach should under no circumstance undermine the efforts of an athlete's personal coach and/or attempt to 'poach' an athlete within a squad environment