

# 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
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 athlete
  - Help each athlete reach their full potential
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
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
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 rule book, 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)
8. Any physical contact with athletes should be:
  - appropriate to the situation
  - necessary for the athlete's skill development\*
9. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes\*
  - 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
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
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
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

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

\* Please refer to the Harassment-free Sport guidelines available from the Australian Sports Commission for more information on harassment issues

**Coaches 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

**PLEASE SIGN OVERLEAF TO INDICATE THAT YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE COACHES CODE OF ETHICS**



# Coach's Code of Ethics Agreement Form



for registration or re-registration to the National  
Coach Accreditation Scheme (NCAS)



I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name Address

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Address cont.

am seeking registration / re-registration (please circle) for the following  
National Coaching Accreditation Scheme qualification:

Level \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball

I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to abide by the Coach's Code of Ethics overleaf
2. I acknowledge that the National Sporting Organisation (NSO)/training provider responsible for accreditation of coaches in the sport listed above may take disciplinary action against me, if I breach the code of ethics. (I understand that NSOs/training providers are required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against me)
3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include de-registration from the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

Please refer to the Harassment-free Sport Guidelines available from the Australian Sports Commission or contact your NSO/training provider, if you require more information on harassment issues.

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Signature (if under 18, parent / guardian signature) Date