

# Coach's Code of Ethics

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion</li> </ul>
2. Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities</li> </ul>
3. Treat each athlete as an individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete</li> <li>• Help each athlete reach their full potential</li> </ul>
4. Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes	
5. Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display high standards in your language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation</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> </ul>
6. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation</li> <li>• Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education</li> <li>• Provide a training program which is planned and sequential</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate records</li> </ul>
7. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA)</li> </ul>
8. Any physical contact with athletes should be:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse</li> <li>• Be alert to any forms of abuse directed toward your athletes from other sources while they are in your care</li> </ul>
10. Refrain from any form of harassment towards your athletes*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>
11. Provide a safe environment for training and competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards</li> <li>• Ensure equipment, rules, training and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes</li> </ul>
12. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a modified 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 toward sick and injured athletes</li> </ul>
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:

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

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

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(if under 18, parent / guardian signature)

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Date

