



WESTERN PROVINCE ATHLETICS

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

COACHES INFORMATION

WPA COACHES

WPA has a duty of care to offer a variety of courses, workshops and seminars to all coaches (potential and qualified), therefore providing the necessary tools for suitable qualifications, and continuing coach education at all levels.

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The primary role of the Coach is to assist an athlete to develop their full athletic potential, over a short-term and long-term period, ensuring they do so in an ethical and respectful manner. The following criteria should be adhered to:

- They must respect basic human rights, without discrimination of gender, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, or any other status
- They must respect the dignity of each individual, including the right for freedom from physical, or sexual, harassment and advances
- They must respect the image of the Coach, and always maintain a high standard of personal conduct, in both appearance and behaviour
- They must ensure the practical environment is always safe, taking account of the age, maturity and skill level of the individual
- They must acknowledge and respect all Rules of Competition, and this should include the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law, in both competition and training, to ensure fairness
- They must show an active respect to officials, by accepting the officials ability to ensure that competitions are conducted fairly and according to the Rules
- They have a responsibility to influence the performance and conduct of those athletes they coach, while also encouraging their independence and self-determination by accepting responsibility for their own decisions, conduct and performance
- They must also assert a positive and active role to prevent any use of prohibited drugs, or other banned substances, or practices
- They must acknowledge that all coaches have an equal right to desire success for the athletes they coach, within the rules of competition. Any observations, recommendations or criticisms of coaching practice should be directed to the individual concerned outside the view, or hearing, of the public

- They should never solicit, in any way, athletes who are already receiving coaching from fellow coaches, or offer unsolicited advice to those athletes at any time
- They should hold recognized coaching qualifications, and realize that coaching is an ongoing commitment achieved by constantly upgrading their knowledge by attendance at accredited courses, workshops and seminars
- They have a responsibility to share their knowledge and practical experience as necessary
- They should seek and fully cooperate with all individuals and associations that could assist the development of the athletes they coach, including working openly with other coaches, using the expertise of sports scientists, sports physicians, sports physiotherapists.

PLEASE PRINT: NAME & SURNAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____