



## Code of Conduct for Club Officials and Volunteers



As a coach of young people you are central to their sporting dreams and aspirations. The role you take and how you interact with those you coach can be crucial to ensuring that they have a quality experience, filled with fun and enjoyment and one which sets them up in sport for life.

All volunteers must:

- Be a positive role model for all participants, taking into consideration their well-being and safety before the development of the performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationships with participants, based on mutual trust and respect
- Know the sport and enjoy the challenge of working with young children
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part. Appreciate individuality and put the child before the needs of the sport
- Remember to be sensitive to participants disabilities and backgrounds
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. Fair play) - keep winning and losing in perspective
- use positive comments, gestures and rewards to acknowledge effort and endeavour (do not belittle or demean a participant)
- create a safe and enjoyable playing environment
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the National governing body and the club
- Hold the appropriate, valid coaching qualifications and insurance cover (through the club). Make every effort to keep up-to-date with any rule/coaching regulation changes.
- Be fully aware of and abide by equity and child protection policies of the sport and club
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances