



Coach's Code of Conduct

A Coach has a responsibility to:

1. Place a high priority on creating an inclusive environment for athletes of all abilities and skill levels.
2. Treat everyone fairly regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, or economic status.
3. Treat ALL coaches, athletes and officials with due respect, both in victory and defeat.
4. Recognize and accept when to refer athletes to other coaches and sport specialists. Allow athletes' goals to take precedence over those of the coach.
5. Always direct comments or constructive criticism at the performance rather than the athlete.
6. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while in the conduct of your coaching duties.
7. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of Athletics, Coaching and the PGTF Club.

A Coach must:

1. Ensure the safety of the athletes with whom they work.
2. At no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with the athletes they coach.
3. Abstain from the use of tobacco products while in the presence of athletes and discourage their use.
4. Understand that BC Athletics (and the PGTF Club) has a "zero tolerance" policy with respect to the consumption of alcohol and non-prescription drugs by any athlete, coach or team staff while involved in a competition setting or BC Team Members room.

5. Understand that the abuse of alcoholic beverages, intoxication or drug abuse will result in immediate dismissal as well as disciplinary measures determined by the BC Athletics Discipline Panel and Board of Directors.
6. Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances, classes or methods.
7. Never provide under age athletes with alcohol.
8. Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches, athletes and club members especially when speaking to the media or recruiting athletes.

Any conduct or action that violates club policy or policy established by BC athletics or existing laws of British Columbia and Canada will result in immediate suspension as coach and removal as a member of the club (society) as authorized under current bylaws of the society.

I confirm that I have read and understand my obligations and expectations under the ***Coach's Code of Conduct:***

(Coach Name)

(Coach Signature)

(Date)

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