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**SYDNEY ACADEMY OF FENCING**

# **COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

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As a coach you are expected to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct at all times:

1. Comply and encourage to sensible and professional behaviour at all times,
2. Encourage and adhere to the rules and spirit of the sport of fencing,
3. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to athletes and to SAF by:

- a) b) Maintaining or improving your current level of accreditation; Seeking continual improvement through performance appraisal and education;
- 4. Be fair, considerate and honest with all players, officials and team members. Ensure that every player's time spent with you is a positive experience. Treat each player as an individual by:
  - a) b) c) Providing each player with equal attention and opportunities; Respecting the talent, development stage and goals of each individual player; and Helping each player reach his or her full potential,
- 5. Do not use your involvement with SAF to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of SAF,
- 6. Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment or discrimination, or any conduct which might reasonably be regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination towards others. Be alert to any conduct which may be reasonably regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination that is directed towards athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care,
- 7. Ensure that any physical contact with players is appropriate for the situation and necessary for the player's skills development,
- 8. Refrain from any intimate relationship or affair with athletes under your care, supervision or tutelage,
- 9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under the age of 18 years wherever possible,
- 10. Treat with courtesy, respect and proper regard for their rights and obligations and in particular, respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence,
- 11. Team coaching staff and management should not remain in team changing rooms unnecessarily,
- 12. Refrain from any conduct which is; might be reasonably regarded as; or is being investigated for potentially being a breach of the law applicable to the jurisdiction in which you are located at any time

13. Do not denigrate and/or intimidate players, officials, spectators or event organisers,
14. Refrain from unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials' decisions or spectator or player conduct,
15. Be responsible in the consumption of alcohol products. You must also be responsible for the consumption of alcohol products by athletes in your care that are under the legal age for consumption of such products,
16. Treat another person's property with respect and due consideration of its value,
17. Respect the law and customs of each area you visit in foreign countries,
18. Do not make statements or take part or otherwise participate in demonstrations (whether verbally, in writing or by any act or omission) regarding political, religious or racial matters or any such matters which are prejudicial to or contrary to the objects, purposes or interests of SAF or which bring SAF into disrepute,
19. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes by:  
a) b) c) d) Providing a modified training program where appropriate; Allowing further participation in training and competition only where appropriate; Seeking medical advice when required; and Maintaining the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes,
20. Provide a safe environment for training and facilities and competition by:  
a) b) Ensuring equipment and facilities meet safety standards; and Ensuring equipment, rules and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes,
21. Behave and encourage behaviour that upholds the highest standards of integrity and dignity. Uphold, and not injure or compromise, the standing and reputation of SAF,

Be a positive role model for fencers. Encourage all athletes to demonstrate the qualities outlined in this Code.

For any other areas missing in this code please refer to the Australian Fencing Federation coaches' code of conduct found on the AFF website and to which, as accredited coach, you're obliged to comply.

## **SAF DIRECTORS**