



Coach's Code of Ethics Individual Agreement Form

for accreditation or re-accreditation to the National Coach
Accreditation Scheme (NCAS)

TO: _____
National Sporting Organisation (NSO)

I, _____ of _____
Full Name Address

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am seeking accreditation/re-accreditation (please circle) for the following
Australian Sports Commission (ASC) qualification:

Level	Sport	Discipline (if applicable)
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I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to abide by the NSO Code of Ethics overleaf.
2. I acknowledge that the NSO may take disciplinary action against me if I breach the code of ethics. I understand that NSOs 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-accreditation from the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

Please refer to the *Harassment-free Sport Guidelines* available from the Australian Sports Commission or contact your NSO, if you require more information on harassment issues.

Signature (if under 18, parent / guardian signature)

Date

**The NSO Coach's Code of Ethics appears on the other side of
this Coach's Code of Ethics Agreement Form.**

**Please return the completed form as requested by RDA State
Office**



Coach's Code of Ethics

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