

Coach Code of Conduct

In addition to the General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by ACF, a Member State or an Affiliated Club and in your role as a coach of ACF, a Member State or an Affiliated Club:

1. Treat all participants with respect at all times. Be honest and consistent with them. Honour all promises and commitments, both verbal and written.
2. Provide feedback to participants in a caring sensitive manner to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
3. Recognise participants' rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists.
4. Treat all participants fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
5. Encourage and facilitate participants' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
6. Involve the participants in decisions that affect them.
7. Determine, in consultation with participants and others, what information is confidential and respect that confidentiality.
8. Encourage a climate of mutual support among your participants.
9. Encourage participants to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
10. At all times use appropriate training methods which in the long term will benefit the participants and avoid those which could be harmful.
11. Ensure that the tasks/training set are suitable for age, experience, ability and physical and psychological conditions of the participants.
12. Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your participants in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with participants that could develop as a result.
13. Avoid situations with your participants that could be construed as compromising.
14. Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, the use of alcohol and tobacco and illegal substance.
15. Respect the fact that your goal as a coach for the participant may not always be the same as that of the participant. Aim for excellence based upon realistic goals and due consideration for the participant's growth and development.

16. Recognise individual differences in participants and always think of the participant's long term best interests.
17. Set challenges for each participant which are both achievable and motivating.
18. At all times act as a role model that promotes the positive aspects of sport and of calisthenics by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and projecting a favourable image of the sport of calisthenics and of coaching at all times.
19. Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political, or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your participants.
20. Encourage participants and coaches to develop and maintain integrity in their relationship with others.
21. Respect other coaches and always act in a manner characterised by courtesy and good faith.
22. When asked to coach participants, ensure that any previous coach-participant relationship has been ended by the participant-others in a professional manner.
23. Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.
24. Know and abide by ACF rules, policies and standards, and encourage participants to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.
25. Be honest and ensure that qualifications are not misrepresented.
26. Be open to other people's opinion and willingness to continually learn and develop.