



CHILD PROTECTION – CODE OF PRACTICE

- DO** put this code into practice at all times
- DO** treat everyone with dignity and respect
- DO** set an example you would wish others to follow
- DO** discuss all aspects of coaching with the parent/legal guardian
- DO** treat all young people equally. Show no favouritism
- DO** make sure that there is more than one other person present, or at least be within sight and hearing of others at all times
- DO** respect a young person's right to personal privacy
- DO** avoid unacceptable situations within a relationship of trust e.g. a sexual relationship with a youth member over the age of consent
- DO** allow young people to talk about any concerns they may have
- DO** encourage others to challenge any attitudes or behaviours they do not like
- DO** avoid being drawn into inappropriate attention seeking behaviour e.g. tantrums and crushes
- DO** make everyone aware of the child protection procedures - young people, parents/carers and other helpers
- DO** remember this code even at sensitive moments e.g. when responding to bullying, bereavement or abuse
- DO** keep other officials informed of where you are and what you are doing
- DO** remember someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well-intentioned
- DO** take any allegations or concerns of abuse seriously and refer immediately

- DO NOT** trivialise abuse
- DO NOT** form a relationship with a young person, that is an abuse of trust
- DO NOT** permit abusive peer activities e.g. bullying
- DO NOT** engage in inappropriate behaviour or contact; physical, verbal, sexual
- DO NOT** make suggestive remarks or threats to a young person, even in fun
- DO NOT** use inappropriate language, writing, phoning, email or internet
- DO NOT** let allegations, suspicions, or concerns about abuse go unreported
- DO NOT** just rely on your good name to protect you