

B2 Coaches Code of Behaviour

In addition to the General Code of Behaviour, and the APA Code of Conduct, the following requirements are imposed on Coaches during any training session, any activity held or sanctioned by ISA, or as a coach appointed by ISA or one of its affiliates.

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else;
- Help each person reach their potential – respect the talent, development stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback;
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person’s skill development;
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- Be dignified and controlled and teach athletes to be likewise
- Remember that people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at an athlete for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on athletes’ time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport and teach the athletes to do the same.
- Avoid over using and favouring the talented athletes in teams and in practice, the “just average” need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that the time spent with you is positive and self-enhancing for the athlete. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all athletes.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage athletes to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured athletes. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured athlete is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the athletes’ skill development.
- Show appreciation for volunteers, officials and administrators. Without them events do not take place.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Understand the possible consequences of breaching the ISA Member Protection Policy or Codes of Behaviour.