

Code of Conduct for Coaches and Volunteers

WVFA is committed to fair play and equality in sport. The essence of good ethical conduct and practice for coaches and volunteers is summarised below. This code of conduct has been produced to safeguard children and young people and to reduce the risk of an adult being accused of improper or unprofessional behaviour.

All coaches and volunteers must:

Respect the rights of children and young people.	Never spend excessive amounts of time alone with a child or young person away from others.
Promote enjoyment rather than winning at any cost.	Never take a child or young person alone in a car, no matter how short the journey except under exceptional circumstances e.g. where the child or young person requires transport in an emergency.
Treat all children and young people with dignity and respect.	Never take a child or young person to your home.
Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.	Never allow or engage in inappropriate touching in any form.
Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.	Always work within the Health and Safety Rules and Regulations.
Ensure all participants are suitably prepared physically and mentally when learning new skills.	If a child or young person has a disability or special education needs ensure you have appropriate knowledge and/or training provided and that you obtain the consent of the parents/guardian before undertaking care of an intimate nature.
Report any concerns about the welfare of a child or young person as per the Club Child Protection Policy and Procedure.	Never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.
Always work in and be seen to work in an open and transparent way.	Always promote the positive aspects of sport e.g. fair play.
Never swear or shout at a child or young person, always use appropriate language.	Maintain reasonable levels of confidentiality at all times only sharing confidential information on a need to know basis.
Be a positive role model for children and young people at all times, by displaying consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.	Encourage performers to value their performances and not just the results.
Never engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games or horseplay.	Follow all guidelines laid down by the relevant governing body e.g. supervision ratios.

I have read, understood and agree to adhere to the code of conduct set out above:

Signature of Coach or

Volunteer.....Date.....