**Code of Conduct for Coaches**

**Coaches are expected to:**

* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally within the content of their sport.
* Place the well-being and safety of the performer above the development of performance. They should follow all guidelines laid down by their sport’s Governing Body and hold appropriate insurance cover.
* Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, especially children, based on mutual trust and respect. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal befit or reward.
* Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own behaviour.
* Hold up to date nationally recognised governing body coaching qualifications and, if appropriate, be DBS-checked by going through the club to an official verifier.
* Ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
* At the outset clarify with performers, and where appropriate their parents, exactly what is expected of them and what performers are entitled to expect from the coach.
* Cooperate fully with other specialists e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists in the best interest of the performer.
* Always promote the positive aspects of their sport e.g. fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.
* Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.