



## Good Practices to be complied with

### 1. Applying a child-centred approach where all children are treated equally and with dignity

- activities should be appropriate for the age and development of the children in your care
- ensure feedback to children is about their performance and not of a personal nature
- use positive and age-appropriate language when talking to children and in their presence.

### 2. Creating a safe and open working environment that also reduces risk to staff and volunteers

- exercise common sense
- do not send children off to train alone and out of sight and supervision
- ensure that all physical contact with children is relevant and appropriate to the activity
- seek permission to touch when doing the above
- do not engage in any intimate, over-familiar or sexual relationships with people under the age of 18 years
- ensure that any filming or photography of children is appropriate
- explain the purpose and obtain consent (from parents/caregivers) prior to filming or photographing children
- do not use alcohol in the presence of children and do not offer alcohol to children under any circumstances
- do not engage in communication with a child, on a one-on-one basis, through social media, texting or email, other than for relevant coach/athlete feedback or administration
- do not allow parents, coaches, other children, or spectators to engage in any type of bullying behaviour (this includes cyber/text bullying)
- do not engage in any bullying activity.

### 3. Avoiding situations where you are alone with a child

- avoid private or unobserved situations.
- Avoid driving a child unaccompanied
- Do not invite or encourage children to your home
- Always have another adult present when staying overnight anywhere with children



- Do not share a room with a child, other than your own

#### 4. Codes of behaviour

Codes of Behaviour/Conduct:

- address identified risk factors
- are developed collectively with those who are expected to follow the code
- are clear and unambiguous
- are widely promoted and used within our organisation.

Complaint and internal discipline procedures for breaches of the code procedures that have been developed in conjunction with the Codes of Behaviour should be widely distributed and promoted.

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