





## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

## READ BEFORE SIGNING/ACCEPTING

Coaches are key to establishing and upholding ethics and safety at Founders Athletics. Their concept of ethics, their interaction and conduct with players/parents, and their attitude directly affects the behavior of players under their supervision with Founders Athletics. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the ethical/moral, physical, legal, and emotional aspect of their conduct. Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions have ethical/moral, physical, legal, and emotional implications.

It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a win-at-all-costs attitude. Increased responsibility is required from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare, and moral education of our young athletes is our priority at Founders Athletics, before the achievement or the reputation of the club, coach, or parent.

- 1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport, regardless of gender place of origin, color, sexual orientation, political belief or economic status.
- 2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations and they must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players.
- 3. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
- 4. Coaches must direct comments or criticism at performance rather than the athlete.
- 5. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- 6. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
- 7. Coaches must ensure that the activities they institute are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the players.
- 8. Coaches must abstain from the use or abuse of tobacco products (including vaping), alcohol, elicit drugs, or prescription narcotics while in the presence of athletes. It will not be tolerated for coaches to be under the influence or intoxicated from the aforementioned sources when they are supporting Club activities and/or supervising our athletes.
- 9. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (eg. other coaches, officials, directors, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
- 10. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (eg. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behavior contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations, or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- 11. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance.
- 12. Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.
- 13. Coaches must regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and continuing coaching education.









## I HAVE READ THIS COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I AM BEING HELD TO HIGHER STANDARDS AS A COACH, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Digital acceptance of this Coaches Code of Conduct shall serve as and constitute physical signature of this form and be held legally binding.

Coach Name (please print):	
Coach Signature:	
DATE SIGNED:	

