

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CLUB COACHES LEADERS AND HELPERS

By following these guidelines you will help protect both the children in our sport and our Coaches, Leaders Helpers from wrongful allegations:

Coaches, Leaders and Helpers must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally.

Coaches, Leaders and Helpers must develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, especially children, based on mutual trust and respect. Coaches Leaders and Helpers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.

Coaches, Leaders and Helpers must encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own behaviour.

Coaches should hold up to date nationally recognised PUK coaching qualifications.

Coaches must ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.

Coaches should clarify with the participants, and where appropriate their parents, exactly what is expected of them and what participants are entitled to expect from the coach.

Coaches Leaders and Helpers should always promote the positive aspects of their sport e.g. fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.

Coaches, Leaders and Helpers should not be under the influence of drink, drugs or any substance.

Coaches, Leaders and Helpers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.

Coaches, Leaders and Helpers should be aware of the power that a coach develops with participants and avoid any intimacy (sexual or otherwise).

Coaches Leaders and Helpers should be aware of situations with participants that could be construed as compromising and actions that others could perceive as being outside the coaching role.

Coaches, Leaders and Helpers should report any concerns within the area of Child Protection in confidence and without delay to the Club Welfare Officer.