



# Dandenong Baseball Association

## COACH'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

**(Note: This Policy is taken from the Australian Baseball Federation (ABF) Member Protection Policy (MPP) {Section D2} and is subject to change without notice as per ABF Updates of the MPP. The most current version of the policy will be available from Baseball Australia and will overrule this policy if changes are made.)**

In addition to the Dandenong Baseball Association's General Code of Behaviour, Coaches must meet the following requirements in regard to conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by the DBA, a member association, or an affiliated club.

- (1) Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- (2) Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- (3) Recognise players' rights to consult with other coaches and advisors. Cooperate fully with other specialists (for example; sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists).
- (4) Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
- (5) Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- (6) Involve players in decisions that affect them.
- (7) Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- (8) Ensure tasks and / or training sets are suitable for age, experience, ability and physical and psychological conditions of players.
- (9) Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for players' skill development.
- (10) Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- (11) Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.



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(12) Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs and the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.

(13) Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political, or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your players.

(14) Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.

(15) Know and abide by rules, regulations and standards and encourage players to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.

(16) Be honest and ensure that qualifications are not misrepresented.



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