



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Titans Hockey Club Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in hockey. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

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 requested from Coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are the priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the Club, Coach or parent.

Set out below is the Code of Conduct, which forms the benchmark for all, involved in coaching. Coaches will, at all times:

- Respect the spirit of fair play in hockey. This is more than playing within the rules – it also incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always participating with the right spirit.
- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of others. Respect umpires, officials, coaches, players, Club members, opposition, and spectators.
- Adhere to all guidelines laid down by the National Governing Bodies.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeats, with dignity.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Must not use his position to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and spectators.
- Protect themselves and others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Never use inappropriate language or gestures.

- Abide by the Welfare Policy, Titans Hockey Club procedures and other guidelines.
- Abide by the Equity Policy.
- Ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- At the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their Coach.