



# Central Coast Touch Football Association

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## COACH CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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### Policy

This policy consults and abides by:

- Central Coast Touch Football Association Constitution.
- New South Wales Touch Football Association Constitution, Social Media and Coaching Policies.
- Touch Football Australia Member Protection Policy
- Play by the Rules guidelines.

### Safety and Health of Participants

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Be aware of and support the sport's injury management plans and return to play guidelines.
- Have a valid Working With Children Check (in accordance with the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian - [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check))

### Coaching excellence

- Help each person (player, official, etc) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each participant as an individual.



- Possess/ obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of participants. Refer to the TFA 4 tier system on NSWTA website <https://www.nswtouch.com.au/coaching/>

## Honour the sport

- Act within the rules and spirit of touch football, abiding by NSWTA policies and code of conduct.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

## Integrity

- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications or coaching experience to be misrepresented.
- Never advocate or condone the use of illicit drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances or methods.
- Never participate in or advocate practices that involve match fixing.

## Respect

- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.



## Communication

- Coaches, team management and other personnel in positions of authority are **NOT** to engage in social media with minors.

### Group Chats for Teams u20s and under

- If coaches wish to set up a group chat for under 20s and below, it will need three non playing adults in it (preferably coaches and managers).
- Parents of players under 18 are to be informed that this chat is being set up and can opt their child out if they want to. The parents are also to be offered the opportunity to be in the group chat.
- This chat is not to be the main form of communication. A parent chat must be set up for the purpose of sending information around training, injuries, game times etc. In some cases, send the same message to both chats if required. For 20s teams, players over 18 can be in the parent chat.

### Group Chats for Opens Teams

- If you have a player u18 in your team or squad, you must ask the parents permission to include them in your team group chats.
- The parent of an u18 player must be given the opportunity to be in the team chat.

### Coaches Directly Contacting Players Under 18

- If you wish to contact a player directly in regards to the team, injuries, tactics, feedback, availability for training, game or tournament etc, it must be sent to the parents as well. For example, Hi David, I have just sent this message to Aaron.

## Maintain Control

- Adopt positive language behaviour (e.g., avoid bad or aggressive language that could intimidate a child/player or set a poor example).
- If you find that you regularly lose your temper with children, you should seek support in learning how to manage children's behaviour so that you don't lose your temper or consider whether you have the patience to work with children.



## Sexual Boundaries

- Do not have sexual relationships with players you are coaching.
- Do not touch athletes in ways likely to make them feel uncomfortable.
- Minimise physical contact.

### Generally physical contact with players/athletes should only be to:

- develop sports skills
- treat an injury
- prevent or respond to an injury
- meet the specific requirements of the sport

### All physical contact by personnel should fulfil the following criteria:

- physical contact should be appropriate for the development a sport skills/s
- permission from the player/participant should always be sought
- player/athletes be congratulated or comforted in public **NOT** in an isolated or out of sight setting.

### Avoid being left alone with a child to protect both the child and you from risk:

- Do not isolate yourself and a child and avoid being alone with any particular child
- If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area and in the sight of other adults (e.g., other coaches, officials, or parents/guardians).
- Before going into the change rooms, knock or announce that you will be coming in. Always have at least one adult with you in a change room with children.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a member of Central Coast Touch Football Association. I understand that we must adhere to other third-party policies and guidelines established by the NSWTA and TFA.

Signature:

Date:

If under 18 years of age, parent/guardian:

Signature:

Date:

