

Coaches Code of Conduct
All AVMLA Coaches and Team Officials shall:

- ☐ treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status;
- ☐ direct comments at the performance rather than the person;
- ☐ consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of your sport and of coaching;
- ☐ refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches;
- ☐ abstain from and discourage the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products in conjunction with sport;
- ☐ refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching;
- ☐ ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for their age, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment;
- ☐ cooperate with registered medical practitioners in the overall management of your athletes' medical and psychological problems; consider the athlete's future health and well-being foremost;
- ☐ recognize and accept when to refer athletes to other coaches or sport specialists. Allow athletes' future health and well-being for most;
- ☐ regularly seek ways of increasing professional develop and self-awareness'
- ☐ treat opponents and officials with respect both in victory and defeat and encourage athletes to act accordingly;
- ☐ cooperate with the athletes' parents or legal guardians, involving them in their child's development;
- ☐ be aware of the academic pressures placed on student athletes and conduct practices and games in a manner so as to allow academic success;
- ☐ ensure the safety of the athletes with whom you work;
- ☐ at no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with your athletes; this includes requests for sexual favours or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests;
- ☐ respect athletes' dignity; verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable;
- ☐ never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances; and
- ☐ never provide underage athletes with drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.
- ☐ ensure that there are always two adults present in the dressing room with players
- ☐ never lock the dressing room door with players present inside
- ☐ avoid leaving players unsupervised in dressing room

