

Dart Coach Code of Ethics

What is a Code of Ethics and why is it needed for Coaches?

A code of ethics defines what is considered good and right behaviour. It reflects the values held by an organization. These values are usually organized into a series of core principles that contain standards of behaviour expected of members while they perform their duties.

The principles included in this Code of Ethics are based on the core coaching values determined by the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to help coaches to evaluate issues arising within our sport and represents a reference for both "the good and right thing to do".

What are our Core Coaching Values?

The core coaching values are based on the following ethical principles:

- Physical safety and health of athletes
- Coaching responsibly
- Integrity in relations with others
- Respect of athletes
- Honouring our sport

What do those behaviours or expectations look like?

The following chart provides examples of the behaviours or expectations as a Darts Alberta Coach:

Physical safety and health of athletes

I will ensure that the training or competition site is safe at all times by consistently conducting a site inspection.

I will be prepared to act quickly and appropriately in case of emergency by being knowledgeable of any medical issues of the athletes under my charge and by having an Emergency Preparedness Plan in place at all times.

I will avoid placing athletes in situations presenting unnecessary risk or that are beyond their physical or skill level.

I am committed to reporting any suspicion of child abuse or neglect, understanding that coaches are legally obligated to do so.

I understand that my athletes may request my advice or guidance from time to time and I will endeavour to refer them to a professional when a matter is beyond my scope of education or qualification.

I am committed to a drug-free sport and will not condone the use of banned substances.

Coaching responsibly

I will make wise use of the authority of my position and make decisions in the interest of athletes.

I will do my utmost to encourage confidence and self-esteem among athletes.

I will learn my athletes' limitations in terms of knowledge and skills when making decisions, giving instructions or taking action.

I will maintain confidentiality and privacy of personal information and use it appropriately.

I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my athletes so that I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.

I will conduct my practices and games so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.

Integrity

I will abstain from all behaviours considered to be harassment or inappropriate relations with an athlete including avoiding the use of profanity or telling inappropriate jokes or using inappropriately gestures.

I will never be alone with an unrelated athlete when they are unobservable by others, including while traveling.

When an issue arises requiring a private meeting with an athlete, I will always do so with another coach or their parent/guardian present.

I will never leave a child unsupervised.

I will never release children to anyone other than their parent or guardian without their permission.

When traveling, I will never share living quarters with a player who I am not related to, regardless of the number of people sharing the room.

Respect

I will ensure that everyone is treated equally, regardless of athletic potential, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability.

I will respect adjudicators and their authority during every competition. I will act calmly and rationally when discussing any ruling decision

I will maintain a positive attitude and always publicly praise my players for trying hard, playing fair and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the match.

I will provide critical feedback in a respectful manner.

Honouring our sport

I will learn and know the rules of the sport and the policies of the organization and shall support and uphold them to the best of my ability.

I will teach my athletes to Honor the Game by personally displaying good sportsmanship, fair play, humbleness in victory and graciousness in defeat at all times and I will encourage the same from my athletes, colleagues, opponents, parents and spectators.

Coach's Name

Provincial Association or Club Name

I understand that coaching is a position of trust and that I am representing my Provincial Association or affiliated club and its members and will act in accordance with the expected standards of behaviour listed above.

Coach's Signature

Date

THIS SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE COACHES CODE OF ETHICS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR NDFC ACCREDITATION REGISTRATION FORM

Should you require any clarification on any of the above core values or behaviours, please contact: coaching@ndfc.ca