**Code of Conduct – Coaches**

* Coaches are responsible for instructing their players to play the sport in a safe and sportsmanlike manner, promoting fair play and high standards of behaviour
* Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, especially where young players are concerned. At amateur level, remember you will have players with differing motivations for playing
* Be a positive role model to your players. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don’t shout at players
* Explain exactly what you expect from players and what they can expect from you
* Always respect the match officials and their decisions
* Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally, emotionally, or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop selfesteem
* Encourage all your players to be team players; involve them with the rules, techniques and strategies of volleyball
* Where you have young players in your team, ensure all players are aware of their responsibilities as per the Club’s Safeguarding policy and Players’ Code of Conduct. Maintain an open line of communication with your young players’ parents/carer.
* Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living
* Remember that as a coach, your team will reflect your behaviour, attitudes and desires.

As a coach, you understand that if you do not abide by the Code of Conduct, you may be:

* Required to meet with club officials to discuss the situation
* Given a warning, be suspended or asked to leave the Club