

Coach Code of Ethics

I, as an accredited bowls coach in New Zealand agree that I will always coach **and behave according to the Principles and Standards set by this “Coaches Code of Ethics”**.

PRINCIPLES

Competence:

I will always strive to maintain the highest standards of excellence and to recognise when I reach the boundaries of my competence. I recognise the need for ongoing learning and will continue to regularly attend training and other updating opportunities

Integrity:

I will be honest, fair and respectful of all others

Professional Responsibility:

I will uphold professional standards of conduct and accept appropriate responsibility for my behaviour in relation to players, other coaches, selectors and administrators. I will honour the commitments I make to players, and will consider their wellbeing at all times

Respect for Participants:

I respect the rights, dignity and worth of ALL participants and will not engage in behaviour of any sort that could be unwelcome and offensive. If I am unsure **of an individual's preference I will ask**

Player's Welfare:

I seek to contribute positively to the welfare of all players I coach and if the relationship is not positive I will ensure that the player is able to find an effective coaching alternative and effect a transfer as easily as possible

Responsible Coaching:

I am aware of my responsibility to the bowls community and will comply with the law and encourage the development of practices that serve the interests of

players and the sport in general. If I become involved in selection I will always be objective in the assessments and recommendations I make

Drug Free Sport:

I will not tolerate the use of performance enhancing drugs and will support **player's efforts to be** drug free, including the use of alcohol and tobacco in coaching situations. I will always forbid the use of alcohol by minors

RESOLVING ETHICAL ISSUES

I understand that lack of awareness or understanding of these Principles cannot be used as a defence to a charge of unethical conduct. Where I believe there is an unethical situation I will work with Bowls New Zealand to resolve the issue in an appropriate manner

PROCESS RELATING TO VIOLATION OF THE CODE

This Ethics Code will be administered by Bowls New Zealand