

Code of Conduct

Northern Territory Athletics and its affiliated clubs are committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all its members and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for participating and spectating in the sport of athletics. Northern Territory Athletics is an inclusive community activity, which aims to encourage and help foster the development of all Northern Territorians both young and old.

The aim of this code of conduct is to remind us all to live up to the traditional values of sport and the manner in which our sportsmen and women conduct themselves. All people have the right to participate in a safe and supportive environment, free from ill-tempered, disrespectful, over-zealous participants and spectators.

It is time to say NO MORE to inappropriate behaviours and link together as a collective, encouraging and supporting our community.

Where the following Code of Conduct is breached, the privilege of being a member of the Northern Territory Athletics Community may be withdrawn.

Coaches Code of Conduct

Accredited Coaches must:

- a). Ensure that they promote their current qualifications only. AA Accredited Coaches' qualifications must not be misrepresented.
- b). Avoid criticising other coaches, athletics administrators, officials, clubs and club committees.
- c). Use appropriate training methods that will benefit those they coach, taking care to avoid those that could be harmful. Coaches should consider age, experience, ability and physical and psychological factors, and specifically, when making such decisions involving children, adherence to Athletics Australia's Position Statement for Children Participating in Athletics.
- d). Recognise an athlete's rights to consult with other coaches and advisors, including sports medicine/sports science professionals.
- e). Not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of athletes or the sport of athletics; Athletics Australia – Code of Conduct Page 6 Last updated: 19/9/19
- f). Not pursue an athlete that is presently engaged in a formal coaching relationship with another coach.
- g). Not undermine the confidence of an athlete working with another coach.
- h). Respect the right of an athlete to change coaches and not obstruct an athlete from moving on to another coach.
- i). Not accept the role of coaching a new athlete until such time as that athlete has informed their current coach of their intention to change coaches.

j). Accept and respect the role of officials and administrators, as well as the role of any employees or volunteers of affiliated bodies who assist in the administration of the sport of athletics generally.

Breaches of the Code by a Coach

- a) Any AA Accredited Coach or Official involved in conduct which is inconsistent with the behaviours set out in this Code may be in breach of this Code which will be dealt with under Article VIII of this Code. For the avoidance of doubt, any breach of this Code that does not involve an AA Accredited Coach or Official will be dealt with under the Member Protection Policy.
- b) Any AA Accredited Coach or Official involved in conduct which breaches this Code may be subject to disciplinary action which may include the termination of their accreditation.