



Dartmouth Volleyball Club

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Coaches Code of Conduct

The athlete/coach relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their athletes.

COACHES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, race, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the athlete.
- Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of the sport and of coaching.
- Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches.
- Treat opponents and officials with respect, both in victory and defeat and encourage athletes to act accordingly. Actively encourage athletes to uphold the rules of their sport at all times.
- Abstain from the use of alcohol or tobacco products while in the presence of athletes and discourage use by your athletes also.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of your duties.
- Ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- Consider the athletes' future health and well-being as foremost when making decisions regarding an injured athletes' ability to continue playing or training.
- Communicate and co-operate with athlete's parents or legal guardians, involving them in management decisions pertaining to their child's development.

Consequences:

- Failure to abide by the aforementioned guidelines will result in disciplinary action as follows:
 1. Verbal notification of the infraction from a member of the DVC Board.
 2. Written notification of the infraction from a member of the DVC Board.
 3. Suspension from Club activities for an indicated period of time, at the discretion of the DVC Board.
 4. Expulsion from the Club at the discretion of the DVC Board.

Please note, the Dartmouth Volleyball Club continues to work hard at making our program a safe, open and fair place for youth to play volleyball and for coaches to improve their coaching skills. Feedback is always welcome.