



COACH

The Coach is responsible for the development of player's skills and as well as promoting positive attitudes to physical activity and sport in general.

Responsible to: The Coach is responsible to the President of the Club.

National Code of Conduct

- Actively discourage foul play and / or unsportsmanlike behaviour by players.
- Seek to maximise the participation and enjoyment of all players regardless of ability; avoid the tendency to over-use a talented player; treat all players as equals, regardless of their talent.
- Show concern and caution towards all sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician and/or sports trainer to the letter when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or playing.
- Teach players that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.
- Maintain appropriate, professional relationships with players at all times.
- Maintain a thorough knowledge of the Laws of the Game and keep abreast of current coaching methods; maintain or improve your current accreditation level.
- Always consider the health, safety and welfare of the players.
- Teach young players to realise that there is a big gap between their play and the professional game-do not coach them as if they are professionals.
- Ensure that your coaching reflects the level of the competition being played; do not be a "win-at-all-cost" coach.
- As coach, conduct yourself at all times in a manner, and in all situations, that shows leadership, respect for the game of Rugby League and respect for all those that are involved in the game – the players, officials, the fans, the parents, the referees and the media.

Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally a Coach is someone who:

- Has leadership skills
- Holds appropriate qualifications as required by the league/region/state
- Has good motivational and communication skills
- Is able to evaluate player performance and provide positive coaching advice
- Maintains or improves his/her current accreditation level
- Have a sound understanding of modern coaching and teaching principles

Bench Rules & Regulations

Coaches are to remain seated on bench at all times. Under no circumstances is the Coach to call instructions to his players during the game and at no time is he/she permitted to enter the field of play unless instructed to by an Official. At NO time is a Coach to pass comment to any Official regarding rulings that have or have not been made. This includes all comments that are directed at Referee and also to Touch Judges, any comments made either at Referee or Touch Judge will result in serious action being taken against offenders. All Coaches and staff must have their Blue Card and Coaches ID when sitting on Benches. Coaches and Team Staff are bound by the [NRL's On-Field Policy](#) and [Code of Conduct](#).
