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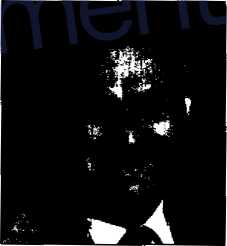
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*Code of Ethics*

CODE OF ETHICS - April 2000 Revision

**This Code of Ethics was written with specific reference to Teachers and Coaches.  
However, most aspects of this Code are also applicable to other people involved in the  
sport. Therefore all Members of the ASA, should be aware that this Code also applies  
to them. Please see the accompanying Note for Guidance which does not form part of  
this Code but which are intended to assist Members in its interpretation.**

*The ASA and ISTC acknowledges that a large part of this Code of Ethics has been  
derived from the code produced by the Industry Lead Body for Sport and Recreation.  
The Code published below wilt remain operational unless and until notice of any  
changes and amendments is given by the ASA.*

The British Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association (BSCTA) endorses this Code  
of Ethics.

Teaching/Coaching and Instructing

**Even though the NVQ standards focus on and describe work functions, they are based**on a number of accepted assumptions and values which underpin good practice in  
teaching/coaching and instructing. The British Institute of Sports Coaches has  
articulated these into a **Code of Ethics** much of which has been incorporated into the  
following Code of Ethics for Swimming Teachers/Coaches. Throughout the following  
Code the expression 'Teacher/Coach' whether used in the singular or plural shall  
include all teacher/coaches, assistants and other helpers whose activities are  
connected with the disciplines regulated by the Amateur Swimming Association (the  
ASA) and all members of the Institute of Swimming Teachers and Coaches (ISTC).  
Where the context of the code admits the expressionsTeacher/Coach and Sports coach  
this may also include Officials and others involved in the sport of swimming in any  
capacity.

The purpose of the Code of Ethics (referred to throughout the remainder of the  
document as the Code) is to establish and maintain standards for Teachers/Coaches  
and to inform and protect members of ths public using their services. Ethical standards  
comprise such values as integrity, responsibility, competence and confidentiality.  
Individuals who are members of the ASA/ISTC are deemed to have assented to the  
Code and as such recognise and adhere to the principles and responsibilities embodied  
in it.

The Code creates a framework within which Teachers/Coaches when engaged in  
sports coaching - in the fullest sense of the expression - should always work. The code  
has been written as a series of guidelines rather than a set of instructions. However  
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of the ASA Laws will consider the Code's provisions (and the accompanying Note for  
Guidance) when assessing the guilt of individuals against whom complaints have been  
made and/or the appropriate sanctions to apply.

**The Code**

**Issues of responsibility**

Teaching/Coaching is a deliberately undertaken responsibility, and sports Teacher/  
Coaches are responsible for the observation of the principles embodied in the Code of  
Ethics.

Humanity

Teacher/Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being and  
their ultimate right to self-determination. Specifically, Teacher/Coaches must treat

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everyone equally within the context of their activity, regardless of sex, ethnic origiS^^^BSS  
religion, disability or political persuasion.

Relationships

The good Teacher/Coach will be concerned primarily with the well being, health and  
future of the individual performer and only secondary with the optimisation of  
performance,

A key element in a teacher/coach relationship is the development of independence.  
Performers must be encouraged to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and  
performance in training, in competition, and in their social life. Teachers/Coaches are  
responsible for setting and monitoring the boundaries between a working relationship  
and friendship with their performers. This is particularly important when the coach and  
performer are of opposite sex and/or when the performer is a young person. The  
Teacher/Coach must realise that certain situations or friendly actions could be  
misinterpreted, not only by the performer, but by outsiders motivated by jealousy,  
dislike or mistrust and could lead to allegations of sexual misconduct or impropriety.

The relationship between coach and performer relies heavily on mutual trust and  
respect. In detail this means that the performer should be aware of the  
Teachers'/Coaches' qualifications and experience and must be given the opportunity  
to consent to or decline proposals for training and performance.

Commitment

Teachers/Coaches should clarify in advance with performers and/or employer the  
number of sessions, fees {if any) and method of payment. They should also a explore  
with performers and/or employers the expectation of the outcome of  
teaching/coaching.

Teachers/Coaches have a responsibility to declare to their performers and/or  
employer any other current teaching/coaching commitments. Teachers/Coaches  
should also find out if any prospective client is currently receiving guidance from  
another Teacher/Coach. If so, that Teacher/Coach should be contacted to discuss the  
situation.

Teachers/Coaches who become aware of a conflict between their obligation to their  
performers and their obligation to their Governing Body or other organisation  
employing them must make explicit the nature of conflict, and the loyalties and  
responsibilities involved, to all parties concerned.

Co-operation

Teachers/Coaches should communicate and co-operate with other sports and allied  
professions in the best interest of their performers. An Example of such contact would  
be the seeking of educational and career advice/counselling for young performers  
whose training impinges upon the performance of their studies.

Teachers/Coaches must communicate and co-operate with medical and ancillary  
practitioners in the diagnosis, treatment and management of their performers' medical  
and psychological problems.

Advertising

Advertising by sportsTeacher/Coaches in respect of qualifications and/or servicesshall  
be accurate and professionally restrained.

Teachers/Coaches shall not display any affiliation with an organisation in a manner  
that falsely implies sponsorship or accreditation by that organisation.

Integrity

Teachers/Coaches should refrain from public criticism of fellow Teachers/Coaches.  
Differences of opinion should be dealt with on a personal basis and more-serious  
disputes should be referred to the Governing Body {ASA) ortothelSTC.

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Teachers/Coaches must not encourage performers to violate the rules of their  
and should actively seek to discourage such action. Furthermore, Teachers/Coaches  
should encourage performers to obey the spirit of such rules.

Teachers/Coaches must not compromise their performers by advocating measures  
which could be deemed to constitute seeking to gain an unfair advantage. Above all,  
Teachers/Coaches must never advocate the use of proscribed drugs or other banned  
performance enhancing substances.

Teachers/Coaches must treat opponents and officials with due respect both in  
victory and defeat and should encourage their performer to act in a similar manner.

Teachers/Coaches must accept responsibility for the conduct of their performers  
insofar as they will undertake to discourage inappropriate behaviour.

Confidentiality

Teachers/Coaches inevitably gather a great deal of personal information about  
performers in the course of a working relationship. Teacher/Coach and performers  
must reach agreement as to what is regarded as confidential information, i.e. not  
divulging to a third party without the express approval of the performer.

Confidentiality does not preclude the disclosure of information, to persons who can  
be judged to have a 'right to know', relating to performers when relevant to the  
following:

* evaluation of the performer within the sport for competitive selection purposes and  
  recommendations concerning performers for professional purposes;
* pursuit of disciplinary action involving performers within the sport;
* pursuit of disciplinary action by the ASA and/or ISTC involving fellow coaches in  
  alleged breaches of this Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Abuse of Privilege

The Teacher/Coach is privileged, on occasion to have contact with performers and to  
travel and reside with performer in the course of teaching/coaching and competitive  
practice. Consequently, a Teacher/Coach must not attempt to exert undue influence  
over the performer in order to obtain personal benefit or reward.

Personal Standards

The Teacher/Coach must consistently display high personal standards and project a  
favourable image of their sport and of teaching/coaching - to performers, other  
Teachers/Coaches, officials, spectators, the media and the general public.

Personal appearance is a matter of individual taste but the sports Teacher/Coach has  
an obligation to project an image of health, cleanliness and functional efficiency.

*The Teacher/Coach should never smoke when teaching/coaching.*

Teachers/Coaches should not drink alcohol so soon before teaching/coaching that  
their judgement may be impaired and the smell will still be on their breath when  
working with performers.

Safety

Teachers/Coaches have a responsibility to ensure the safety of the performers with  
whom they work as far as possible within the limits of their control.

All reasonable steps should be taken to establish a safe working environment.

The work done and the manner in which it is done should be in keeping with regular  
and approved practice within that sport.

The activity being undertaken should be suitable for the age, experience and ability  
of the performers.

Performers should have been systematically prepared for the activity being  
undertaken and made aware of their personal responsibilities in terms of safety.

Issues of Competence

Teachers/Coaches shall confine themselves to practice in those fields of sport in which

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they have been trained/educated, and which are recognised by the ASA and ISTflg  
being valid. Valid areas of expertise are those directly concerned with sports coaching.  
Training includes the accumulation of knowledge and skills through both formal  
Teacher/Coach education courses and by experience at a level of competence  
acceptable for independent teaching/coaching practice.

Teachers/Coaches must be able to recognise and accept when to refer performers to  
other agencies. It is the responsibility of the Teacher/Coach as far as possible, to verify  
the competence and integrity of the person to whom they refer as performer.

Teachers/Coaches should regularly seek ways of increasing their professional  
development and self awareness.

Teachers/Coaches should welcome evaluation of their work by colleagues and be  
able to account to performers, employers. Governing Bodies and colleagues for their  
actions.

Teachers/Coaches have a responsibility to themselves and their performers to  
maintain their own effectiveness, resilience and abilities, and to know when their  
personal resources are so depleted as to make it necessary for them to seek help and/or  
withdraw from teaching/coaching whether temporarily or permanently.

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**Violations of this Code**

An alleged breach of this Code shall be grounds for making a complaint under ASA  
Law. This is a formal expression of dissatisfaction with the actions of behaviour of  
clubs, bodies, organisations or individuals or with alleged unfair practice in connection  
with the sport and will be dealt with by a Judicial Tribunal.

The procedures for making a complaint are set out in the ASA Judicial Laws which  
are reproduced in the current edition of Laws of the Sport and the ASA Handbook. Any  
complaint relating to matter contained in this Code may be referred by the Chairman  
of the District Judicial Tribunal to an independent investigator to be appointed by the  
ASA. The terms of reference shall be set by the ASA. Dependent upon the outcome of  
the investigation the Chairman of the DJT may direct that the matter may not proceed  
as a complaint under the ASA judicial system. In such a situation the Chief Executive  
may authorise such other action for instance the offering of guidance of education  
support or the issue of a warning as to future conduct, as may be appropriate in the  
circumstances. Thereafter dependant upon the outcome of such other action the Chief  
Executive may refer the matter back to the Chairman of the DJT for reconsideration as  
to whether the matter may proceed as a complaint.

The ASA Child Protection Officer shall have the power in exceptional circumstances  
to commence or take over conduct of any complaint made in respect of any breach of  
any of the provisions of this Code.

Team Staff Appointments Policy

The policy of the Amateur Swimming Association and Amateur Swimming Federation  
of Great Britain is as follows:

Where one athlete aged below eighteen years of age is travelling they must be  
accompanied by one member of staff and parental consent obtained with regard to the  
identity of the staff member.

Where there are two or more athletes travelling they must be a minimum of two  
membersof staff accompanying the athletes. Where the groupof athletes are of mixed  
sex, there must be staff members of each sex.

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**NOTE FOR GUIDANCE**

**Remove Watermark Now**

Under the ASA/ISTC Code of Ethics Honorary officials are entitled to expect the same  
respect and dignity of treatment as that to which employees are entitled. It follows from  
this that if an official is not performing satisfactorily in their rote the official is entitled  
to be told, to be given an opportunity to respond to the criticism and the opportunity  
to improve.

Further, the Club may wish to consider establishing a mentoring system with senior  
figures(s) in the Club (possibly a Past President) offering guidance and support to  
officials and also encouraging the development of new talent to ensure successions  
within the Club's administration.

Conduct of Meetings

In particular any member wishing to make any direct overt-criticism of an official or  
other member of the club in a general meeting must advise the Chairman in good time  
to enable the Chairman to advise such person in advance of the meeting in order that  
he is able to prepare himself for such criticism.

Furthermore, as a separate obligation on the chairman of the meeting when an official  
or member is the subject of criticism the chairman must specifically afford such person  
the opportunity to respond to include if requested consideration of an adjournment to  
enable the person to collect their thoughts.

Any failure to follow these principles may give rise to a complaint to a DJT under the  
ASA/ISTC Code of Ethics, It is not intended that the Code should be used to stifle  
democratic debate but ethical considerations and indeed common sense decency  
dictates that advance warning should be given to anyone who is to be the subject of  
criticism in a general meeting.

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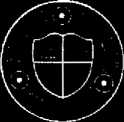
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