



COACHES - LEGAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

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As a coach you have the right to:

- be treated with dignity and respect (e.g. you shouldn't be harassed or bullied at practice or during games)
- be treated fairly (e.g. you should be assessed on your merits whenever you apply for a club position)
- complain about inappropriate and unlawful behaviours (e.g. offensive behaviour by other coaches or players)
- a fair process – if you make a complaint or someone complains about you, you should not be harassed or bullied.

You also have responsibilities.

As a coach the way you act, the things you say and the behaviours you accept will all influence how players treat you and each other. Players, parents, club and community members look to you to set the standard.

You are responsible for:

- ensuring a safe and fair environment for players/athletes, particularly children
- treating players/athletes and officials with respect
- addressing inappropriate behaviours from members of your team.

Actions you can take to meet your legal responsibilities include:

- meeting all Working With Children Checks and other [child protection legislation](#) requirements
- following your sports [Member Protection](#) or other welfare policies, [code of behaviour](#) and other guidelines
- taking prompt action to address concerns about inappropriate or unlawful behaviour
- not victimising a player/athlete or others if they complain about you.



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