

### 3. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

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The principles of good conduct are summarised below. All coaches must adhere to the following:

- Understand and follow all guidelines and policies laid down by Whinmoor Warriors ARLFC and the RFL, and adhere to the Code of Conduct.
- Be a good role model. Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Hold the appropriate coaching qualifications relevant to the age group, and have undertaken all appropriate checks by the RFL (e.g. DBS).
- Make a commitment to CPD, maintain an accurate knowledge of the rules of the game and current coaching methods. Maintain and/or improve your current coaching accreditation level to keep your licence active.
- Develop and maintain appropriate, professional relationships with all players at all times.
- Create and maintain a safe environment at all times and always consider the health, safety and welfare of other volunteers, parents and spectators and players by ensuring that all equipment and facilities meet the required safety standards.
- As a coach, conduct yourself in a manner, that demonstrates leadership, respect for the game of Rugby League and respect for all those that are involved in the game - the players, referees, officials, parents and spectators.
- Provide all players with the opportunity to develop.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part and consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Treat players equally regardless of talent and seek to maximise the participation and enjoyment for all.
- Encourage participants to enjoy their performances, and not just results and teach players that honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.
- Ensure that your coaching reflects the level of the competition being played; do not be a “win-at-all-costs” coach and teach young players to realise that there is a big gap between their level of play and the professional game; do not coach them as if they are professionals.
- Show caution towards all sick and injured players. Follow the advice of medical practitioners/physiotherapists to the letter when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or playing.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – Respect and applaud their efforts
- Do not engage in any threatening, discriminatory, aggressive, violent language or behaviour, that may be seen to intimidate opponents, their fans or Match Officials.
- Actively challenge any and all such behaviour, whether they are by committed players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Reinforce the competition rules with your players and staff.
- Encourage players to respect and play by the rules, to respect opposition players and officials and to embrace fair play.



- Respect and accept the match officials decisions – DO NOT complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Encourage players to accept the judgement of the match officials.
- Actively discourage foul play and/or unsporting behaviour by players, encourage fair play and never condone violations of the laws of the game.

Whinmoor Warriors ARLFC WILL NOT tolerate any form of abuse towards other players, spectators, officials or volunteers, or any other anti-social behaviour from any player.

I understand if I do not follow the Club's Code of Conduct then:

- I may be penalised by the Match Official.
- I may be disciplined by my Club including being expelled.
- The League Disciplinary Committee may sanction a large suspension.
- I may be asked to undertake further educational courses at my own expense.
- I may receive further sanctions from the RFL including being permanently suspended from the sport.
- I may have my coaching licence withdrawn.