

Coach and Team Leader Code of Conduct

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Applies to

Every coach, team leader, parent or guardian accredited to accompany athletes at a CF3-sanctioned event or with a Canadian delegation at an IF3 event. Operates alongside the Canadian Safe Sport Program and the UCCMS. Implements 2025 Debrief recommendation 8.3.

You agree to

1. Use language and behaviour fit for a youth environment. No profanity directed at or audible to athletes, officials or spectators where juniors compete or are present.
2. Never confront officials or direct athletes to. Ensure you are aware pre-event of what the inquiry process is prior to the event.
3. Prepare athletes for reality. Limited coach access, schedule changes and rule clarifications are normal. Athletes should be able to regulate themselves when you are not beside them.
4. Teach and enforce equipment control before competition, and correct it when you see it.
5. Align junior coaching with the LTD Framework and Sport for Life: psychological readiness and long-term development over short-term results.
6. Follow accreditation rules. One coach per three athletes, no competition floor access, no transfers (IF3 Playbook). Attend briefings and orientation.
7. Raise concerns through the process, not group chats, social media or the field of play.

Pre-event orientation

Required before accreditation for Nationals or any Team Canada delegation (Debrief 8.4). One online session per season: logistics, access limits, workouts and standards, both Codes, inquiry and complaint procedures.

If you do not

1. Head TO, Head of Athlete Control or Event Director: warning, removal from athlete areas for the session, revocation of accreditation for the event.
2. Serious or repeated: Misconduct Complaint under Bylaw 9.2(c). Safe Sport matters go under the Canadian Safe Sport Program.
3. An upheld finding by _____ in the last twelve months bars Team Canada accreditation until resolved.

Acknowledgement

I have read this Code and the Athlete Code, will complete orientation, and agree to be bound as a condition of accreditation.

Name: _____ Role: _____ Club: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____