

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA (EFI)

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

1. In addition to the EFI General Code of Conduct, EFI Coaches must meet the following requirements and behaviour in any way relating to the sport of equestrian (including without limitation during or in respect of any activity held or sanctioned by EFI, or as part of any coaching role appointed by EFI or one of its affiliates): -

- (a) Place the safety and welfare of the athletes/participants above all else.
- (b) Be aware of and abide by the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- (c) Operate within the rules.
- (d) Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- (e) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and experience of the horse and the athlete.
- (f) Be a positive role model.
- (g) Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- (h) Respect the talent and commitment of each athlete and their horse and seek to develop their potential.
- (i) Treat each athlete and horse as a unique individual.
- (j) Respect fellow coaches and their students and encourage athletes to do likewise.
- (k) Learn as much as possible about the sport, and keep up to date with developments.
- (l) Ensure that the time spent with you is positive and self-enhancing for the athlete.
- (m) Never deceive or mislead the athlete.
- (n) Be dignified and controlled and teach athletes to be likewise.
- (o) Actively discourage the use of drugs prohibited by the WADA/NADA, EFI and the FEI.
- (p) Discourage the use of cruel or injurious training methods and set a good example with your own training methods.
- (q) Teach the athlete that the rules of the sport are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break. It is the duty of the coach to know and abide by EFI and the FEI rules and to encourage compliance in spirit and in deed.

- (r) Respect the decisions of officials and encourage athletes to do likewise.
- (s) All students are entitled to and deserve equal time in group lessons.
- (t) Follow the advice of medical and veterinary practitioners when dealing with injured athletes and horses.
- (u) When coaching young athletes make only reasonable demands on their time, energy and enthusiasm.
- (v) Always consider the maturity level of any young athlete.
- (w) Avoid inappropriate intimate relationships with athletes/participants. Do not engage in any form of personal abuse towards your athletes.
- (x) Do not engage in any form of harassment in relation to your athletes.
- (y) Any physical contact with your athletes should be:
 - (i) Appropriate to the situation;
 - (ii) Necessary for the athlete's skill development.

