



FORT SASKATCHEWAN RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

TITLE: COACHES' FAIR PLAY CODE

POLICY #: 4400

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1.0 Purpose

To outline the minimum standards of behaviour that coaches of the Fort Saskatchewan Ringette Association (FSRA) are expected to abide by.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies only to FSRA coaches. It is to be observed in tandem with the Code of Conduct Policy (#1300).

3.0 Terms

There are no terms to define in this policy.

4.0 Policy

- 4.1 Coaches must be reasonable when scheduling practices and keep in mind that players have other obligations.
- 4.2 Coaches must teach players to play fairly and respect the rules, officials, and opponents. This includes encouraging them to take responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, and decisions.
- 4.3 Coaches must ensure that all of their players receive reasonable and equitable instruction, support, and playing time. They must accept and promote the players' personal goals and refer them to other team staff and sport specialists as appropriate. Coaches must provide players and their parents or guardians with the information necessary to be involved in the decisions that affect the player.
- 4.4 Players play ringette to have fun and must be encouraged to have faith in themselves. To this end, coaches must be generous with praise and set a good example. They must also be sure not to ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes and playing poorly.



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- 4.5 Coaches must ensure that facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities. Coaches must select activities and establish controls that are suitable for the age, experience, ability, and fitness level of players, including educating players as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- 4.6 Coaches must obtain proper training and make a continuous effort to upgrade their coaching skills.
- 4.7 Coaches must work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.
- 4.8 Coaches must educate players about the dangers of drugs and performance-enhancing substances and in no way condone their use.
- 4.9 Coaches must not engage in an intimate or sexual relationship with a player who is under the age of 18 and or be in a position that the coach has power, trust, or authority over them.
- 4.10 The Two Deep method discussed in the Locker and or Change Room Policy (#1340) must be obeyed at all times during sanctioned events and activities whenever at least one player is present.
- 4.11 An open and observable environment should be maintained for all interactions between adults and players. One-on-one meetings in private places should be avoided.
- 4.12 A coach must never invite an athlete to his or her home without permission from a parent or guardian. Nor should a coach intervene in a player's personal matters that are outside the coach's jurisdiction.
- 4.13 Coaches must keep confidential any information about athletes or others gained through coaching activities and believed to be considered confidential by those persons.
- 4.14 Any medical attention or therapy (such as a rubdown or massage) administered to a player must be done by a licensed medical professional with the Two Deep method in effect.
- 4.15 Coaches must have a current Criminal Record Check on file in accordance with the Screening Policy (#1850).
- 4.16 Violation of the above standards may result in a review by the FSRA as per the Discipline and Complaints Policy (#1310).