



PAA Coaches' Code of Conduct

The Professional Anglers Association's (PAA) Coaches' Code of Conduct is driven by its core values of leadership, integrity and excellence. The Code requires the tightest standards of conduct from everyone involved in angling coaching to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times.

A PAA coach is accepted into membership on the basis that he or she will:

- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in angling, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion;
- not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held;
- always act in an appropriate manner and treat all anglers, coaches and officials with respect;
- never bully, take unfair advantage or lose his or her temper. Verbal, emotional, and physical abuse of pupils, other coaches, spectators or officials is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in angling;
- be a positive role model by (a) acting in a way that projects a positive image of coaching, and (b) being fair, considerate and honest with pupils;
- display high standards in language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation, ensuring that a pupil's time spent with a coach is a positive experience;
- provide pupils with coaching appropriate to their needs and goals, ensuring that equal attention and opportunities are available to all;
- accurately represent personal coaching qualifications, experience and competence;
- keep up to date with the latest coaching practice and developments by taking up further coach education (including safe guarding certification) and other personal and professional development opportunities;
- ensure that the coaching environment is safe and appropriate for the age, physical and emotional maturity, experience and ability of the pupils;
- exercise reasonable care and skill when carrying out coaching duties;
- offer appropriate documentation for inspection. These include qualification certificate, insurance document, DBS, first aid certificate and safeguarding certificate;
- abide by the PAA's written Child Protection Policy.

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