



Code of Conduct

The Federation's Code of Conduct represents the essential essence of global sport – principles of fairness, respect, responsibility and safety. The Code aims to ensure our core values, good reputation and positive behaviours and understanding attitudes are maintained and that everyone involved in our sport is aware of their legal and ethical rights and responsibilities. This Code of Conduct has been endorsed by the FIT Board. Copies of the Code can be obtained from the Federation website at: www.international-touch.org

This Code of Conduct applies to all individuals and entities involved with Touch worldwide. The Core Code must be observed by all those involved in the sport without exception. The role-specific Codes should be applied as additional requirements to the Core Code, to be observed by individuals performing the specified tasks.

The Core Code

- ❖ Always operate within the rules and spirit of our sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost
- ❖ Encourage and support available opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills
- ❖ Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of Touch – the sport for all!
- ❖ Treat each person as an individual
- ❖ Display control and courtesy to all involved with our sport
- ❖ Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, age, ability, culture, religion or background
- ❖ Respect each decision of sporting officials, coaches and administrators in the delivery and conduct of our sport
- ❖ Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years (Refer to FIT Member Protection Policy)
- ❖ Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions
- ❖ Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
- ❖ Act with integrity and objectivity, and undertake to accept responsibility for your decisions and actions
- ❖ Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe and enjoyable environment
- ❖ Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment
- ❖ Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours and refrain from any behaviour that may bring the Federation, a Member country national association or an affiliated club into disrepute



Athletes Code

- ❖ Give your best effort at all times
- ❖ Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit
- ❖ Always treat the opposition and match officials with respect
- ❖ Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times

Coaches Code

- ❖ Place the safety and welfare of athletes above all else
- ❖ Promote respect for the ability of your opponents, referees and all officials
- ❖ Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback
- ❖ Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- ❖ Commit to providing a quality service to your athletes
- ❖ Embrace your position as a positive role model for your sport and athletes
- ❖ Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented

Officials Code

- ❖ Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- ❖ Be consistent and impartial when making decisions
- ❖ Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people
- ❖ Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict in interest

Administrators Code

- ❖ Always act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole
- ❖ Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly
- ❖ Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence
- ❖ Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity



Parents Code

- ❖ Encourage children to participate and have fun
- ❖ Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy
- ❖ Focus on your child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing
- ❖ Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition

Spectators Code

- ❖ Respect the performances and efforts of all people including the opposition
- ❖ Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes

