



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

FARNHAM AND GUILDFORD OCTOPUSH CLUB

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below.

All coaches, officials and volunteers at the club must:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the British Octopush Association and the club.
- Hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover.
- Never exert undue influence over participants to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.



For coaching a junior session:

- Try to ensure that at least two adults are present at all junior sessions.
- Be aware of the different individual standards and abilities of the juniors. Younger / weaker players should be in shallower water with closer supervision.
- Concentration on one or two players reduces the safety, training and enjoyment of the others.
- If necessary ask another adult to assist one-to-one for the remainder of the session (e.g. if a junior is having trouble clearing snorkel or mask).
- Do not use verbal abuse, physical contact or any other action that could be misconstrued.
- Do not become involved in assisting juniors to change.
- Report any injuries or incidents to the pool management as soon as possible. If an injury or accident does occur, call the pool's qualified first-aider. Remove the casualty from the water and stop the game - unless there are sufficient adults to continue.
- If you feel that a Junior cannot be allowed to continue, either for their own or anyone else's safety then inform the parents and a committee member.

I have fully read and understood the above Code of Conduct and will ensure that my conduct and practice reflects the above points.

Signed:

Name:

Date: