

CODE OF CONDUCT & BEST PRACTICE

Treat everyone with respect.

Provide an example for others to follow.

Plan activities so that they involve more than one other person being present or at least in sight or hearing of others.

Respect a young person's right to personal privacy.

Provide access for young people and adults to feel comfortable enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like and provide a caring atmosphere.

Maintain a healthy adult lifestyle.

Use common sense in selecting subjects to demonstrate skills on.

Remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well intentioned.

Recognize that caution is required especially in sensitive moments of counselling such as when dealing with bullying, bereavement or abuse.

If escorting junior members for events that require overnight accommodation have separate sleeping accommodation for coaches and children.

Do not permit abusive youth peer activities (e.g. ridiculing, bullying).

Judo is a full contact sport so make sure that all physical contact with children is explained as follows accepted principles of instruction.

Do not have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others for example suggestive remarks or gestures or tell jokes or stories of a 'smutty' nature.

If you have doubts or concerns seek advice and deal only with facts not assumptions.

Do not allow yourself to be drawn into inappropriate attention seeking behaviour such as tantrums or crushes but deal firmly and fairly with such behaviour at all times.

Never exaggerate or trivialize child abuse issues.

Do not show favouritism to any individual.

Never believe 'it can never happen to here', it can!

Do not get close to or have physical contact with a young person without clearly explaining what you are going to do (e.g. correcting position of foot showing a skill) etc.

Adapted from the BJC guidelines