BRITISH TAEKWONDO COUNCIL

Instructors Code of Conduct

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The BTC qualifies instructors to teach Taekwondo. Instructors may sometimes be referred to as coaches.

Instructors have a great influence on developing students who are reliant upon them for the basic instruction and guidance necessary to reach top levels. Instructors can have tremendous power over these students and this power must not be abused. Therefore, it is necessary to have a Code of Ethics and Conduct to guide the Instructors and protect the students for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

The Instructor must follow ethical standards of teaching and training. Therefore, when an individual chooses to practise Taekwondo it is necessary to establish the principles of ethics between the Instructor and the practitioner.

Below is a set of principles to guide the actions of a Taekwondo Instructor.

- Must treat everyone fairly and sensitively regardless of their age, gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religion or political affiliation
- Accept the special role that you have to play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of behaviour and conduct at all times
- Do not manipulate the rules in order to benefit yourself personally or your club
- Encourage all students and coaches to abide by the rules and spirit of the activity
- Do not use foul, sexist or racist language

- Use your official position to take action against others who harass abuse or use foul, sexist or racist language towards participants, instructors, coaches, officials and volunteers
- Ensure that proper supervision is provided by suitably qualified coaches and officials who are capable of promoting good sporting behaviour and good technical skills
- Ensure all equipment and facilities meet safety standards
- Respect the rights of other clubs
- Show respect regardless of age to all students, coaches, officials and other volunteers involved in the activity/competition
- Not endeavour to influence the result of an activity/competition by any actions that are not strictly within the rules
- Remember activity is enjoyed for its own sake - play down the importance of awards
- Always have regard to the best interests of the sport, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the sport and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in it
- Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques
- Promote ethical principles