



## FACT SHEET 31

### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES MATRIX FOR ALL

RIGHTS	RESPONSIBILITIES
<b>Child/Youth Members</b>	
<p><b>Child/Youth members have the right to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Be safe</li> <li>★ Be listened to</li> <li>★ Be respected</li> <li>★ Privacy</li> <li>★ Enjoy your sport in a protective environment</li> <li>★ Be referred to professional help if needed</li> <li>★ Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.</li> <li>★ Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability</li> <li>★ Experience competition and the desire to win</li> <li>★ Be believed</li> <li>★ Ask for help</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child/Youth Members are responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Showing respect to other youth members and leaders</li> <li>★ Reporting inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members</li> <li>★ Playing fairly</li> <li>★ Respecting officials and accepting decisions</li> <li>★ Showing appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat</li> <li>★ Respecting opponents</li> <li>★ Not cheating</li> <li>★ Not using violence</li> </ul>
<b>LEADERS</b>	
<p><b>Leaders have the right to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Access ongoing training and information on all aspects of leading / managing activities for youths, particularly child protection</li> <li>★ Support in the reporting of suspected abuse</li> <li>★ Access to professional support services</li> <li>★ Fair and equitable treatment by the Governing Body</li> <li>★ Be protected from abuse by children / youths, other adult members and parents</li> <li>★ Not to be left vulnerable when working with children</li> </ul>	<p><b>Leaders are responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Fostering team work to ensure the safety of youth members in their care</li> <li>★ Using appropriate team management behaviour</li> <li>★ Responding to youth members' statements and concerns about alleged abuse</li> <li>★ Ensuring the rights and responsibilities of youth members are enforced</li> <li>★ Reporting suspected abuse to the appropriate Governing Body</li> <li>★ Not abusing members physically, emotionally or sexually</li> <li>★ Maintaining confidentiality about sensitive information</li> <li>★ Being a role model (disciplined / committed / time keeping), remember children learn by example</li> </ul>

## SPORT GOVERNING BODIES

### Sport Governing Bodies have the right to:

- ★ Expect all leaders to comply with its Code of Conduct
- ★ Expect all youth members to maintain standards of reasonable behaviour
- ★ Take appropriate action if members breach the Code of Conduct or a Governing Body Policy
- ★ Expect all members to undertake appropriate training when advised to
- ★ Expect leaders will not abuse members physically, emotionally or sexually
- ★ Take appropriate action in the event of a breach of TI's code of conduct or suspected abuse
- ★ Acquire pre-employment checks on all coaches/youth leaders
- ★ Maintain records on individuals in line with advice from the data protection agency i.e. only hold records on individuals that they have a justifiable reason for holding.

### Sport Governing Bodies are responsible for:

- ★ Providing a safe environment for members
- ★ Providing ongoing training and information for Leaders
- ★ Implement policy and procedures in line with guidance from *Our Duty to Care* and the *Code of Ethics for Children's Sport*
- ★ Designating a contact in each area for liaison in relation to member protection issues
- ★ Facilitating open discussion on member protection issues
- ★ Insisting areas provide support to members who report accusations of abuse
- ★ Treating suspected abuse information confidentially
- ★ Taking appropriate action if members breach standards of reasonable behaviour or Governing Body Policies and Regulations
- ★ Establishing and maintaining a coaching register
- ★ Setting standards of good practice
- ★ Having knowledge of statutory child protection procedures and their responsibility in reporting concerns as advised in *Our Duty to Care*

## PARENTS

### Parents have the right to:

- ★ Know their child is safe
- ★ Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children
- ★ Be informed if their child is injured
- ★ Have their consent sought for issues such as trips
- ★ Contribute to decisions within the club
- ★ Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching

### Parents are responsible for:

- ★ Encouraging their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best
- ★ Behaving responsibly on the sidelines
- ★ Showing appreciation and supporting the coach
- ★ Ensuring their child is punctual
- ★ Collecting their child on time
- ★ Being realistic
- ★ Providing their child with proper clothing and equipment
- ★ Ensuring their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met

***These lists are not exhaustive and are by no means definitive.***