



## **MARTIAL ARTS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION** **INSTRUCTORS' CODE OF ETHICS**

- 1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being**
  - Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin or religion
- 2. Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience**
  - All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- 3. Treat each athlete as an individual**
  - Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual student
  - Help students reach their full potential
- 4. Be fair, considerate and honest with students**
- 5. Be professional in and accept responsibility for your actions**
  - Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards
  - Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport/martial art--this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators
  - Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities:
- 6. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your students**
  - Maintain or improve your current NCAS or MAIA accreditation
  - Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education
  - Provide a training program that is planned and sequential
  - Maintain appropriate records
- 7. Operate within the rules and spirit of your martial art or sport**
  - The guidelines of national and international bodies governing your sport or martial art should be followed
- 8. Any physical contact with athletes should be:**
  - Appropriate to the situation
  - Necessary for the students skill development
- 9. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your students**
  - This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse
  - Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your students from other sources whilst they are in your care
- 10. Refrain from any form of harassment towards your students**
- 11. Provide a safe environment for training and competition**
  - Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards
  - Equipment, rules and the environment need to be appropriate for the age and ability of the students
- 12. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes**
  - Provide a modified training program where appropriate
  - Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate
  - Seek medical advice when required
  - Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured students
- 13. Be a positive role model for your sport, martial art and students**
- 14. Instructors should:**
  - Be treated with respect and openness
  - Have access to self-improvement opportunities
  - Be matched with a level of instructing appropriate to their level of competence.