



Minor seeking inappropriate relationship

There may be times when a child or young person seeks an inappropriate relationship with you e.g., by asking you out, sending you text messages, flirting with you etc.

If this happens, you must take steps to protect yourself. This can include:

- Discouraging the young person firmly but respectfully.
- Keeping a written record of the interaction including time, date and place (and copies of any emails, text messages etc.).
- Notifying your club's administrator as soon as you are aware of the problem.
- Ensuring that all training is in the company of another adult and that you are never alone with the child/young person.
- Avoiding contact with the individual outside of training or competition.
- Avoiding all physical contact with the child/young person wherever possible, as it can easily be misconstrued. Use verbal directions rather than touch.
- Developing a plan of action for dealing with the situation – this may include:
 - contacting your child protection authority or an appropriate agency for advice
 - the club/association administrator speaking to the child's parents/guardians (it's best that you not be involved) because of potential conflict of interest and transparency reasons)
 - transferring the young person to another team/coach.

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