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Dear coach

### National Safeguarding Policies

We have recently received numerous concerns with regards certain individual coaches and their inappropriate behaviour and questionable code of conduct whilst undertaking lessons. Whilst at present we will not draw to any conclusions as to the validity as no formal allegations have as yet been made we do feel that it is the responsibility of NISA to make you aware of the situation.

New Safeguarding Regulations issued by the NSPCC were issued earlier this year and any coach should make themselves fully aware of the contents as certain types of behaviour may lead to inaccurate allegations where a coach may have 'slipped into bad mode practice' through no fault of their own

NISA also has recently updated their Policies and Procedures and Coaches were informed of this at the time that they were to read, sign and return to the office for our records - for the coach relicensing in February 2013 it will be mandatory to include if not already done so. The documents include the Safeguarding Policy, Coaches Code of Ethics, Equity Policy and Social Media Policy, these now will replace the previous NISA policies. (The only document to sign and return to the office is the 'Coaches Code of Ethics' p6, which stipulates and verifies that you have read the other updated policies as well.) To download the documents please follow the link: <http://www.iceskating.org.uk/node/8>

I would like to remind you that all coaches must comply with the NISA code of practice for sports coaches. The concerns are clearly not acceptable behaviour from any NISA licensed coach. This letter is sent as a communication to all NISA Licensed Coaches so that they are fully aware.

All coaches should act in a thoroughly professional manner at all times when representing NISA, any coach who does not adhere to the NSPCC guidelines and the policies set out by NISA will be in breach of the regulations.

Yours sincerely

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