



## Code of Ethical Practice Policy

Teachers should comply with the principles of good, ethical practice as listed below:

- Respect the right, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally within the context of yoga.
- Place the well-being and safety of the student above the development of the practice. They should follow all guidelines laid down by YSA and hold appropriate insurance cover.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with students, based on mutual trust and respect. Teachers must not exert influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Encourage and guide students to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and practice.
- Hold up-to-date and nationally recognised Governing Body teaching qualifications and be appropriately qualified to teach any specialism claimed.
- Ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Clarify with students at the outset (and where appropriate with their parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from the teacher.
- Cooperate fully with other specialists (e.g. other teachers, doctors, etc.) in the best interests of the student.
- Always promote the positive aspects of yoga (e.g. non-competitiveness) and never condone rule violations such as bullying.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
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