



Code of Professional Conduct for Gambling Recovery Peer Specialists

The Code of Professional Conduct for Gambling Recovery Peer Specialists is a guide for professional behavior and best practices within the field of problem gambling recovery support. Grounded in the International Problem Gambling and Gaming Certification Organization (IPGGC) values of integrity, respect, and competence, this code outlines expectations for professional conduct across various domains, including interactions with individuals seeking support, colleagues, the community, and the broader field of problem gambling recovery on a national and international level.

I. Professional Conduct with Individuals Seeking Support

- **Person-Centered Approach:** Treat all individuals seeking support with dignity and respect, recognizing their autonomy and right to self-determination in their recovery process.
- **Empathy and Compassion:** Demonstrate empathy and compassion in all interactions, creating a safe and supportive environment for individuals to share their experiences.
- **Confidentiality:** Maintain the confidentiality of all information shared by individuals seeking support, adhering to all applicable laws and regulations.
- **Professional Boundaries:** Establish and maintain healthy professional boundaries in all interactions, ensuring a safe and supportive relationship.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Provide services in a culturally sensitive and non-discriminatory manner, respecting the diversity of individuals seeking support.

II. Professional Conduct with Colleagues and the Community

- **Collaboration:** Foster a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect with colleagues, working together to provide comprehensive support to individuals in recovery.
- **Community Engagement:** Actively engage with the community to raise awareness of problem gambling and available recovery support resources.
- **Advocacy:** Advocate for policies and practices that promote access to quality problem gambling recovery support services.
- **Referral Network:** Develop and maintain a strong referral network to ensure individuals seeking support receive appropriate and timely assistance.

III. Professional Conduct on a National and International Level

- **Professional Development:** Engage in ongoing professional development to stay abreast of current research, best practices, and ethical standards in the field of problem gambling recovery support.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Contribute to the national and international field of problem gambling recovery support by sharing knowledge, expertise, and best practices.
- **Ethical Leadership:** Demonstrate ethical leadership and promote the values of the IPGGC within the field of problem gambling recovery support.
- **Cultural Exchange:** Engage in cultural exchange and learning to enhance understanding and support for individuals in recovery from diverse backgrounds.

IV. Personal and Professional Integrity

- **Self-Care:** Prioritize personal well-being and self-care to ensure the ability to provide effective and ethical support to others.
- **Accountability:** Take responsibility for personal and professional actions, seeking guidance and supervision when needed.
- **Honesty and Integrity:** Maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in all professional interactions.
- **Awareness of Limitations:** Recognize personal and professional limitations, seeking assistance and making referrals when appropriate.

This Code of Professional Conduct serves as a guide for professional behavior and best practices for Gambling Recovery Peer Specialists. It is a living document that may be updated to reflect the evolving needs and standards of the field. It is the responsibility of all Gambling Recovery Peer Specialists to uphold these principles and promote ethical and professional conduct within the field of problem gambling recovery support.