



The Code of Ethics for Gambling Recovery Peer Specialists

The Code of Ethics for Gambling Recovery Peer Specialists is designed to provide guidance and promote integrity within the field of problem gambling recovery support. This code is intended for use by all individuals who identify as Gambling Recovery Peer Specialists, regardless of their specific title or certification and who offer support to individuals and their families affected by problem gambling. It is founded on principles of respect, trust, honesty, and ethical conduct. Adherence to these principles ensures the provision of safe and effective support services that prioritize the well-being and recovery of those affected by problem gambling.

I. Professional Conduct

- **Commitment to Recovery:** Uphold the value of recovery and demonstrate a commitment to supporting the recovery journeys of individuals seeking assistance.
- **Person-Centered Approach:** Treat all individuals with dignity and respect, recognizing their autonomy and right to self-determination in their recovery process.
- **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 with individuals seeking support, their families, and their communities.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Provide services in a culturally sensitive and non-discriminatory manner, respecting the diversity of individuals seeking support.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Engage in ongoing professional development and self-reflection to enhance skills and knowledge in the field of problem gambling recovery support.

II. Relationships with Individuals Seeking Support

- **Empathy and Compassion:** Demonstrate empathy and compassion in all interactions with individuals seeking support and their families.
- **Non-Judgmental Support:** Offer support in a non-judgmental and accepting manner, recognizing that recovery is a unique experience for each individual and a personal process.
- **Shared Experience:** Utilize their experience to inspire hope and provide support, while maintaining appropriate boundaries and ethical conduct.
- **Advocacy:** Advocate for the needs of individuals seeking support, their families, and their communities, promoting access to resources and services.

- **Empowerment:** Empower individuals seeking support to make informed decisions about their recovery journey, encouraging self-advocacy and personal responsibility.

III. Ethical Responsibilities

- **Integrity:** Maintain the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all professional interactions.
- **Accountability:** Take responsibility for personal and professional actions, seeking guidance and supervision when needed.
- **Self-Care:** Prioritize personal well-being and self-care to ensure the ability to provide effective and ethical support to others.
- **Professional Development:** Engage in ongoing professional development to maintain competence and enhance skills in the field of problem gambling recovery support.
- **Awareness of Limitations:** Recognize personal and professional limitations, seeking assistance and making referrals when appropriate.

IV. Adherence to Legal and Ethical Standards

- **Compliance:** Comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical guidelines governing the practice of problem gambling recovery support.
- **Mandatory Reporting:** Understand and adhere to mandatory reporting requirements related to abuse, neglect, and other safety concerns.
- **Ethical Decision-Making:** Utilize ethical decision-making principles when faced with challenging situations, seeking guidance and consultation when needed.

V. Commitment to the Field of Problem Gambling Recovery Support

- **Collaboration:** Collaborate with other professionals and organizations to promote a comprehensive and coordinated approach to problem gambling recovery support.
- **Community Awareness:** Contribute to raising awareness of problem gambling and the importance of recovery support within the community.
- **Professionalism:** Always represent the field of problem gambling recovery support in a professional and ethical manner.

This Code of Ethics serves as a guide for ethical conduct and decision-making 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 practice within the field of problem gambling recovery support.