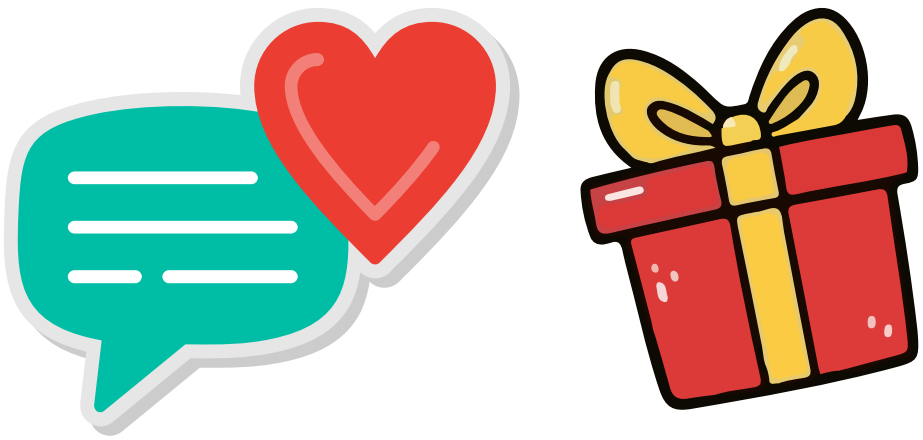


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Favouritism and Gift Giving Policy

In sport, it's natural to recognise standout performers, but when certain individuals are consistently singled out for special treatment, it can create unhealthy dynamics. Those on the receiving end may feel uncomfortable or isolated, making them more vulnerable to harm. Gift giving, in particular, can be a way of grooming a young or vulnerable person — building trust in order to manipulate them. Because gifting is generally seen as a kind gesture, it can be hard to spot when it crosses a line.



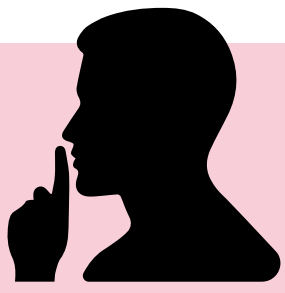
When is gift giving permitted?

- Gifts of equal value are given to everyone in the group or team
- There is a clear, reasonable occasion for it (e.g., festive, milestone, end of season event)

If a gift is given to a specific individual (e.g., most improved player):

- Approval must be sought
- Presented openly in front of others

What should be avoided?



- Giving gifts in private, or only to certain individuals without a clear reason
- Giving money as a gift
- Consistently giving one participant more attention, opportunities, or privileges without merit-based reason
- Offering special access or extra sessions not available to the rest