



Coaches and Managers Code of Conduct

As a coach you will be in a position of great responsibility in the development of the children you work with - both in terms of personal and football development. You will inevitably be a role model, especially for the younger age groups, so it is important that you take your responsibilities seriously and conduct yourself accordingly at all times. The attitude and behaviors you exhibit will set the tone for the players and parents you work with.

You will be responsible for the sporting and football development of the children, and largely responsible for their continued enjoyment of the game. It is important that the enjoyment of the game is paramount at all times.

1. Do not put undue pressure on the children. Remember that the children play football for their own enjoyment - not to fulfill any personal ambitions you may have
2. Always respect your players - never harass, abuse, or otherwise humiliate the children
3. Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, never condone violations of the laws of the game or exhibit behavior contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game
4. Always have the correct equipment available, and ensure it is in a safe and clean condition
5. Always have a first-aid kit and water available even at training
6. Make yourself available to attend suitable training courses as required to maintain coaching, development and safety standards
7. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
8. Do not attempt to control or direct the game from the sideline. The players should be encouraged to think for themselves
9. Always arrive before the designated time of arrival of the players at both match and training events, or make suitable alternative provision
10. Show no favoritisms
11. Always be honest with players, parents, guardians and officials
12. No offensive, abusive or insulting remarks shall be made toward any player, official, or parent
13. Understand and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game and any competition in which you participate
14. Always respect the decisions of the referee and avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official
15. Always look for and encourage positive attributes or performance and effort
16. Don't smoke or drink alcohol at match or training events
17. Maintain a clean and suitably attired physical appearance
18. Avoid being alone with individual children, especially in enclosed areas

Coach Name: _____ Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____