

Code of Conduct for Coaches



- Promote the RESPECT campaign amongst your players, fellow coaches, parents and supporters
- Do not smoke while working with underage players
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with children based on mutual trust and respect
- Challenge bullying in any form whether physical or emotional. Bullying is not an acceptable behaviour be it from a young person, coach, parent / guardian, spectator or match official
- Coaches should encourage players at all times and when necessary offer direction and constructive feedback
- Children learn best through trial and error. Children and young people should not be afraid to risk error so as to learn
- The use of any form of physical punishment is prohibited as is any form of physical response to misbehaviour, unless it is by way of restraint
- Avoid incidents of horse play or role play or telling jokes that could be misinterpreted
- Never encourage players to consume non-prescribed drugs or take performance enhancing supplements.
- Avoid taking coaching sessions on your own
- Ensure that all players are suitably and safely attired to play e.g. helmets must be worn
- Coach to be punctual and properly attired
- Set realistic but stretching goals that are achievable for all
- Keep a record of attendance at training and at games by both players and coaches
- Keep a record of any injuries and actions subsequently taken
- Make adequate provisions for First Aid services
- Do not encourage or permit players to play while injured
- In the case of head injuries, ensure that players are not allowed back on the field of play if there is any chance of concussion – If in doubt leave the player out
- Be aware of any special medical or dietary requirements of players as indicated on the registration forms or as informed by parents / guardians
- Encourage parents / guardians to play an active role in organising and assisting various activities for your teams and your Club