

Coach and Team Official Code of Conduct

I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers and spectators.
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game.
- Display and promote high standards of behavior.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in or tolerate hostile sideline communication which includes: offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect of me.
- Ensure the parents/guardians of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- Refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build his/her self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for his/her own behavior and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organize are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity.
- Report all suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours to the proper authorities.

I understand that breaches of the Code may result in action being taken by my League and/or my State Association.

