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Coaches Code of Conduct and Behavior

- (a) Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything;
- (b) Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or being in a losing team;
- (c) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm,
- (d) Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game;
- (e) Whenever possible, alternate the group of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success;
- (f) Avoid overplaying the talented players as all players deserve equal time on the playing field;
- (g) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
- (h) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- (i) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official;
- (j) Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play;
- (k) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices;



(l) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness;

(m) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times;

(n) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match;

(o) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline;

(p) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them;

Dispute Resolution

In the unlikely event of a dispute between player / parent / coach, we have a procedure in place to provide for a resolution. The procedure is written into the parent code of conduct document. Items for coaches to be aware of are:

- Coaches may not be approached by anyone other than your own team manager in relation to any player dispute;
- The team manager may request a meeting with the coach on behalf of the relevant party / parent;
- A coach cannot refuse a parent a meeting;
- If, after consultation, a resolution cannot be found, the parent or coach may request a meeting with the coach's liaison;
- If required, the coach's liaison will consult with all relevant parties before making any decision;

- Once the coaches' liaison is involved, it becomes their responsibility to follow the incident to its conclusion and to inform the coach / player / parent of any decision;

We have put these items in place to try and protect all parties from incident. We trust that they are accepted and taken on board for the right reasons and also trust that coaches will “do the right thing” with regards to the management of their squads.

Historically, game time is always the bug bare and we urge coaches to manage this appropriately.

Making dramatic statements and promises has also historically caused incidents, as players, particularly “fringe” players hear and remember everything!

- Squad numbers should remain between 14 and 15 players for the duration of the season;
- Squad numbers may only move outside this number after consultation and approval of the committee via the coach's manager;