

Coaches' Code of Behaviour

- (a) Remember that children participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything
- (b) Never ridicule or yell at a child 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 games
- (e) Whenever possible, change 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 is 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 (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria) and the principles of growth and development in children
- (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