

## Coach's Code of Conduct

- Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests.
- Teach your players that the laws of the game are mutual agreements which no-one should break.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Follow the advice of a doctor in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
- Gain respect by being generous with your praise when it is deserved.
- Make a personal commitment to attend any relevant training courses and keep up to date with rules and regulations.
- Never smoke in the presence of children.
- Never put yourself into a situation where you are alone with a child.
- Never take a child to your own home or alone in your car. (See separate Policy).
- Do not join in contact drills. You are too big and strong and could injure young players.
- Physical handling by a coach must only be used for safety reasons or where there is no other way of coaching the technique.
- The reasons for physical contact should be explained wherever practical so that children and their parents are comfortable with the approach.
- Do not proceed with the action or consider alternatives if the child appears to be apprehensive or reluctant, or if there are other concerns about the child's likely reaction.
- Any activity should always be conducted in an open environment and in the presence of another adult.