

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Commitment:**

The position of coach is demanding and multi-faceted. Parent, teacher, counselor, disciplinarian, organizer...these are some of the duties demanded of the coach. The Primary responsibility of a youth soccer coach is to help the young player to have fun, learn and improve.

A coaches commitment is to develop the players and the team physically and mentally, within the accepted range for the age division. The coach needs to provide a quality soccer program for players within a positive environment.

2. **Know Your Subject:**

A Coach must be thoroughly acquainted with the Rules or Laws of the Game and must keep attuned of the principles of Coaching.

Good coaches are always seeking new ideas to develop their knowledge of the game and players. In addition to what they learn about soccer, children may learn to be better people.

3. **Respect:**

Coaches must respect all individuals as unique human beings. Opponents, game officials, players and parents must always be treated with respect.

Players must be coached to play and win, within the Rules or Laws of the Game.

4. **Enthusiasm:**

Coaches must be enthusiastic and positive. They must ensure that they are generous with their praise when deserved and be prepared to deal with criticism.

Shaping the lives of young people is a large responsibility, effected not only through what we teach, but also the way we teach. The "process" of learning is at least as important as the "product".

5. **Personal Conduct:**

A Coach must maintain high standards of personal conduct and fair play. Coaches should never be involved in any circumstance which is offensive or suggests sexual connotations and brings harm to the reputation of the club to which he/she volunteers.