

## Code of Conduct for Coaches:

- Remember that players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying talented players. All players deserve equal playing and training time, regardless of their ability.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age, maturity and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with soccer. This includes, but is not limited to, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to practice or play.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Understand that any physical contact with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation in soccer.
- Endeavour to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
- Remember my behaviour brings credit to myself, the DHSC and the sport of soccer.
- Believe that referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
- Understand that my attitude can influence the players, coaches and spectators.
- Demand a sports environment for my players that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.