

Code of Conduct for Coaches and Managers

How do your personal attributes, relationships with others and managerial duties play into your role as a coach or manager? See the below checklist for more information.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

A. *Appearance. Do you...?*

1. Dress suitably
2. Groom properly

B. *Disposition. Do you display...?*

1. Pleasantness
2. A sense of humor
3. Even temper
4. Courtesy
5. Sympathy
6. Enthusiasm

C. *Poise. Do you...?*

1. Have self-control
2. Behave in an adult manner

D. *Character. Are you...?*

1. Sincere
2. Truthful
3. An example of positive ideals

E. *Leadership Do you...?*

1. Accept responsibility
2. Have the ability to plan and organize
3. Have a good understanding of the emotional and psychological characteristics of pre-adolescents
4. Have a good rapport with each player
5. Try to understand the personal needs and problems of players and adjust accordingly
6. Have discipline suited to the age level of the players
7. Discipline fairly and impartially
 - a. Temper discipline with good judgment and humor

RELATIONS WITH OTHERS -- The nature of a coach's/manager's work brings him/her into close contact with many people.

A. *With Parents. Do you...?*

1. Seek their cooperation and understanding in trying to achieve the goals of your club's player development program
2. Show consideration for their opinions and feelings
3. Display friendliness and courtesy

B. *With Colleagues. Are you?*

1. Friendly

2. Cooperative
3. Courteous
4. Considerate

C. *With Game Officials. Do you...?*

1. Display courtesy
2. Respect their decisions and accept them gracefully
3. Avoid bickering and "ref baiting"

MANAGERIAL DUTIES -- The manager/coach should have knowledge of the game of soccer, of its fundamentals and its strategy.

A. *Coaching Procedures. Are...?*

1. Practice sessions well planned and conducted as coaching and learning situations
 - a. Practice sessions snappy; everyone busy
 - b. Players properly taught fundamental skills and game strategy through the use of various activities
 - c. Instructions given at the players' level of understanding
2. Practice sessions ended before the players become bored or disinterested
3. Practice sessions spaced so they do not become a chore for players and coaches/managers alike
4. Adequate precautions taken to prevent accident or injury
 - a. Items of protective gear are used and are in good repair
 - b. Players kept from reaching extreme limits of physical and emotional fatigue
5. Players continually encouraged

B. *Development of Desirable Habits In Players. Do you...?*

1. Encourage promptness
2. Encourage clean living and good health habits
3. Encourage responsibility and leadership
4. Encourage sportsmanship and fair play at all times
 - a. Teach good manners and courtesy
 - b. Congratulate opponents after each game
 - c. Accept defeat gracefully
 - d. Accept victory humbly

"Every man is limited by three things: the knowledge in his mind, the strength of his character, and the principles upon which he is building his life."

- Edwin Louis Cole