



COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and principles of growth and development of participants.
 - Must hold a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) – all age groups.
 - Minimum 'C' Licence required for U13 – U16 JDL, U18's and Reserves.
 - Minimum Foundation in Football required for JCL.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport. Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Help each player reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each player and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback. Remember that children participate for pleasure and winning is only part of their motivation.
- Encourage and support opportunities for players to learn appropriate behaviours and skills. Take a long-term approach to each player's development.
- Reward effort and avoid praising talent. Do not promote a 'fear of failure' by ridiculing or yelling at a young player for making a mistake.
- Treat each player as an individual. Avoid overplaying the more advanced players. All players need and deserve equal time for their development and enjoyment of the game.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport. Respect the decisions of match officials and club officials/administrators. Teach players to follow the rules and always respect officials, spectators and opponents.
- Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Be aware of and support sports injury management plans and return to play advice of a physician or club medical official when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or playing.
- Act within the rules and spirit of the game.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications or coaching experience to be misrepresented.
- Never participate in or advocate practices that involve match fixing.
- Display responsible behaviour towards alcohol and never advocate or condone the use of illicit drugs or other banned performance-enhancing substances or methods.
- Place the safety and welfare of all players and officials above all else.
- Be aware of your responsibility in terms of data protection and confidentiality.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment, lead by example and do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists with people under the age of 18.



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- Ensure that any physical contact is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Report immediately to the Technical Director and/or Club Administrator any complaints regarding yourself or another coach.
- Immediately report any concerns or allegations if you witness or suspect a young player may be at risk or has been harmed.