



Code of Conduct - Guide for Coaches

1. Dress appropriately for the sessions.
2. Arrive ahead of the children and check the venue safety.
3. Check behaviour and ensure a safe and enjoyable environment.
4. Plan their sessions and provide a suitable environment to maximise fun and enjoyment.
5. Use appropriate language with the children at all times.
6. Monitor weather conditions – do not expose children to inappropriate conditions.
7. Avoid touching children unless required to do so in an emergency and only in the company of another adult. Always ask for their permission if you have to guide their hand or foot.
8. Ensure that a second coach is there at all times.
9. Check inappropriate language from children – report persistent bad language to the committee.
10. Monitor children when away from home, to ensure that appropriate behaviour is adhered to on the pitch, in the changing rooms and travelling in rented buses.
11. Report any serious incidents to the committee that occurs when working with children.
12. Report any incidents to the Chairman where the coach believes that there is evidence that a child is being abused.
13. Attend training sessions as requested by the committee to address key areas in child protection.
14. Learn the players' names.
15. Try to speak to all children during the session, not just the gifted ones.
16. Never start a session with a criticism.
17. When correcting faults, always start with a positive comment, then the correction and finish on a positive.
18. Remember, it takes six positive comments to rectify a negative comment!!!
19. Encourage players to always play by the rules.
20. Do not infringe on the field of play during matches.
21. Do not shout or use abusive language to match officials.
22. Never ridicule mistakes or losses.
23. Avoid taking alcohol before training or matches.
24. Avoid smoking in front of children.