



## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches/Mentors are critical to the establishment of good practices in football. Their attitude to the game directly informs the attitude of the players under their supervision. Coach/Mentors must speak and act in a manner consistent with this reality. As a Coach/Mentor I will;

- Complete Garda Vetting before working/commencing my role and I will complete the Safeguarding 1 Course.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Be aware of Child Protection issues and abide by all the Clubs Guideline.
- Ensure no child is left on their own at any time
- Do not be in attendance of a child on your own
  
- At no time should coaches assist with transporting an individual child
- Report any incident and or injury to the head coach who can then fill out the Clubs Incident Report form, and contact the club's Child Protection Officer.
- Not subscribe to the ethos of "win at all costs".
- Place the health, wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations.
- Abide by the rules of the game.
- Strive to develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual respect.
- Have particular regard for the code when working with young players in the game.
- Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure that the activities and strategies they direct and advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players involved.
- Clarify with the players (and where the players are under the age of 18, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from the Mentor.
- Co-operate with the specialists within the game e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists etc. in the best interest of the players.
- Be conversant with the laws of the game and the rules of any competition in which a team under his/her stewardship is participating.
- Encourage players to adhere to the club's code.
- Observe the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing.
- Promote a positive approach to the game e.g. fair play, honest endeavour and genuine teamwork.
- Not encourage or condone violations of the laws of the game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the game, or use of questionable strategies or tactics.
- Not encourage or condone the use of inappropriate language.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and comment.
- Use or tolerate the use of inappropriate language.
- Demonstrate due respect towards match officials.
- Accept the decisions of the match officials.
- Refer any problems to the Schoolboys Director and/or committee of Avenue United Football Club

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code of Conduct, action may be taken by my Club, League or National Association.**