



COONAGH UNITED AFC

Code of Best Practice for Mentors

Managers/Coaches are key to the establishment of good practices in football. Their attitude to the game directly informs the attitude of the players under their supervision. Mentors must speak and act in a manner consistent with this reality.

As a Coonagh United Mentor I agree to abide by the best practice guidelines below:

- A Mentor must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- A Mentor must not subscribe to the ethos of “win at all costs”.
- A Mentor must place the health, well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
- A Mentor must abide by the rules of the game.
- A Mentor must strive to develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- A Mentor must have particular regard for the code when working with young players in the game.
- A Mentor must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- A Mentor must guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- A Mentor must ensure that the activities and strategies they direct and advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players involved.
- A Mentor must at the outset of each season, 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.
- A Mentor must co-operate with specialists within the game e.g. other coaches, officials, sport scientists, doctors, and physiotherapists etc. in the best interest of players.
- A Mentor must honour the terms of the agreement with his/her club and shall eschew any interest in alternative employment within the game whilst under contract, save insofar as such interest enjoys the consent of that club.
- A Mentor must not act or speak (directly or indirectly) so as to induce a mentor or an employee of any other club to breach the terms of their agreement with that other club.
- A Mentor must be conversant with the laws of the game and the rules of any competition in which a team under his/her stewardship is participating.
- A Mentor must exercise authority and control over the players under his/her stewardship particularly whilst on the field of play and with regard to the decisions of match officials.
- A Mentor must observe the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing.
- A Mentor must always promote a positive approach to the game e.g. fair play, honest endeavour and genuine teamwork.
- A Mentor must not encourage or condone violations of the laws of the game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the game, or the use of questionable strategies or tactics.
- A Mentor must not encourage or condone the use of prohibited substances.
- A Mentor must consistently display high standards of behaviour and comment.
- A Mentor must not use or tolerate the use of inappropriate language.
- A Mentor must demonstrate due respect towards match officials.
- A Mentor must accept the decisions of the match officials.
- In making public comments on a particular fixture or on the game in general a mentor must be mindful of upholding and promoting the good name of the game and others involved in it the wider community.

Signature of Mentor: _____	Print Name: _____
Date: _____	
Signature of Club Chairman: _____	Print Name: _____
Date: _____	