



Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches have a crucial role within our club. Your attitude, behaviour and actions can have a huge influence over the players under your supervision.

Coaches should:

- Adhere to the guidelines laid down by the club
- Always have regard for the best interests of the club
- Refrain from bullying, refuse to tolerate it in others and report any occurrences where appropriate
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Behave with honesty and integrity at all times
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what they expect of players and what players can expect from them
- Be aware that their decisions and choices of actions have ethical implications
- Not approach a prospective player from another team without first informing that player's head coach that they intend to do so.
- Encourage players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players
- Understand their increased responsibility for health, welfare and education when coaching young people
- Cooperate fully with other specialists - such as medical personnel – in the best interests of their players
- Not use inappropriate language when representing the team, particularly around supporters and young people
- Never influence a player to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Look to continuously develop themselves and their knowledge and experience
- Refrain from making any comments online that may bring the reputation of the team into disrepute

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the head coach in the first instance. Persistent misbehaviour may result in dismissal from the club. A disciplinary committee comprising members of the coaching staff and club committee will be formed to investigate and deal with any serious disciplinary issues.
