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## Coaches' code of conduct

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- Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or being in a losing team.
- Be reasonable in your demands on younger player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game.
- Whenever possible, alternate the group of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- Ensure all players have equal playing time throughout the season.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players.
- Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria).
- Take time out to teach players (and others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness.
- Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times.
- Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match.
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline.
- Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.