

# COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything;
- (b) Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or being in a losing team;
- (c) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm,
- (d) Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game;
- (e) Whenever possible, alternate the group of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success;
- (f) Avoid overplaying the talented players as all players deserve equal time on the playing field;
- (g) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
- (h) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- (i) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official;
- (j) 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;
- (k) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria);
- (l) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness;
- (m) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times;
- (n) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match;
- (o) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline;
- (p) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.