

### **Coach Code of Conduct**

- Coaches must adhere to all rules and guidelines established by the Board of Directors and leagues.
- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity, and worth of each player and treat them equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g., fair play) and may never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behavior contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations, or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- Coaches must cooperate fully with other specialists (e.g., other coaches, officials, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interest of the player.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- Coaches are not only responsible for their team on the field on play but also for the behavior of their sideline.
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance.
- Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.