

**SOUTHERN BRANCH  
FOOTBALL  
CODE OF CONDUCT**



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## **CODE of CONDUCT: COACHES & MANAGERS**

As a coach you will be in a position of great responsibility in the development of the players you work with, both in terms of personal and football development. You will inevitably be a role model, especially for the younger age groups, therefore it is imperative that you take your responsibilities seriously and conduct yourself accordingly at all times. The attitude and behaviours you exhibit will set the tone for the players and parents you work with.

You will be responsible for the sporting and football development of the players, and largely responsible for their continued enjoyment of the game. It is important their enjoyment of the game is paramount at all times.

1. Do not put undue pressure on the players. Remember that the players play football for their own enjoyment - not to fulfil any personal ambitions you may have.
2. Always respect your players - never harass, abuse, or otherwise humiliate them.
3. Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, never condone violations of the laws of the game or exhibit behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game.
4. Always have the correct equipment available, and ensure it is in a safe and clean condition.
5. Always have a first-aid kit and water available even at training.
6. Make yourself available to attend suitable training courses as required to maintain coaching, development and safety standards.
7. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
8. Do not attempt to control or direct the game from the sideline. The players should be encouraged to think for themselves.
9. Always arrive before the designated time of arrival of the players at both match and training events, or make suitable alternative provision.
10. Show no favouritism.
11. Always be honest with players, parents, guardians and officials.
12. No offensive, abusive or insulting remarks shall be made toward any player, official or parent.
13. Understand and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game in any competition in which you participate.

14. Always respect the decisions of the referee and avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
15. Always look for and encourage positive attributes or performance and effort.
16. Do not smoke or drink alcohol at match or training events.
17. Maintain a clean and suitably attired physical appearance.
18. Avoid being alone with individual players (particularly children), especially in enclosed areas.

**Failing to adhere to the code of conduct could lead to:**

1. Coach/Manager being suspended from training.  
If behaviour continues:
2. Coach/manager being suspended from training and games.
3. Coach/Manager being suspended for a game but has to attend training.
4. Coach/Manager being asked to leave the club.

**Coach/Manager Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach/Manager Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_