



SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOURS

The below Code of behaviours is applicable to all Junior Club Coaches.

- Be reasonable in your demands on a player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The average players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that children participate for fun and enjoyment.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Take into consideration the maturity level of the children, when scheduling and determining the length of practice times and competition.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Ensure that positive coach and umpire relationships are continually developed.
- Follow the advice of a Medical Practitioner/Trainer when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Create opportunities to teach suitable sport behaviors as well as basic skills.
- Ensure that skill learning and appropriate sport behaviors have priority over highly structured competitions for young children.
- Help children understand the responsibilities and implications of their freedom to choose between fair and unfair play.
- Promote greater knowledge of the laws of game.

By accepting the role of coach at the _____ Football Club, I agree to abide by these principles. I support the Southern Football League in its undertakings and encourage the _____ Football Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning of any coaches where warranted for repeated or serious breaches of the Auskick/Junior/Youth Coaches Code of Behaviours.

Coaches Name: _____ **Coach Accreditation No.** _____

Coaches Signature: _____ **Expiry date Coach Accreditation** ____/____/____

Date: ____/____/____