



Guelph Soccer Coach Code of Conduct

Coaches should read and discuss all the Codes of Conduct with all members of your coaching staff and your team manager (in the case of representative teams). It is a condition of Club membership that all coaches follow the Coach's Code of Conduct at all times.

I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.

I will remember that participants need a coach that they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.

I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.

I will teach players to act fairly and respect the rules, referees and our opponents.

I will not ridicule, show disrespect or yell at referees; rather, I will encourage them and show appreciation for their presence and commitment.

I will be selective in the amount of instructions I give players during the game.

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that substitute players, bench personnel and my team's spectators do not interfere with the match. In the event that unknown/unaffiliated spectators are involved, I will implore them to respect the match and not cause any kind of disturbance.

I will work in cooperation with the referee(s) for the benefit of the match.

I will ensure that equipment/facilities are safe. I will examine goals and the pitch itself and bring any concerns to the referee.

I will be reasonable when scheduling games or practices, remembering that players and their families have other interests and obligations.

I will be on time and prepared for games and practices.

I will obtain proper training and upgrade my coaching skills and knowledge of the sport.

I will not ridicule or yell at players (of our team or the opposition) for making mistakes or for performing poorly.

I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.

I will inform parents of any injuries that their player may have incurred.

I will dress appropriately and wear the coach shirt provided by Guelph Soccer at all games and practices so that I present a professional image and can be easily identified.

I will stay within my prescribed area during the match (coach's box) to give assistant referees space to do their job. I will ensure that my players respect the sideline as well.

I will keep my players' safety in mind during every match and practice.



Coach Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____