

The Responsible Football Coach/Manager

Code of Conduct for Football

1. Coaches/Managers must place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance
2. Coaches/Managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down within the Constitution and the Rules of The Football Association
3. Coaches/Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect
4. Coaches/Managers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward
5. Coaches/Managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
6. Coaches/Managers must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate is appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players
7. Coaches/Managers should, at the outset, clarify with the player (and, where appropriate, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach
8. Coaches/Managers must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player
9. Coaches/Managers must always promote the appropriate Code of Conduct and positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) to players, parents and spectators alike. Never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rule and regulations or the use of the prohibited substances or techniques
10. Coaches/Managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and experience and be a role model for players, parents and spectators
11. Coaches/Managers must respect the rights' dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport