

Riverstone Schofields Junior Soccer Football Club



Policy

Code of Behaviour - Coaches

Effective Date

15 January 2007

In addition to Riverstone Schofields Junior Soccer Football Club's (the Club) General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by the Club and in your role as a coach appointed by the Club:

- ⚽ Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- ⚽ Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, officials or spectators).
- ⚽ Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- ⚽ Recognise players' rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists (for example, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists).
- ⚽ Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
- ⚽ Be reasonable in the demands of players, parents/guardians, officials and spectators
- ⚽ Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- ⚽ Involve the players in decisions that affect them.
- ⚽ Encourage players to respect one another and to expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- ⚽ Actively discourage performance bonuses for children scoring goals as this does not promote team play.
- ⚽ Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards appropriate for the age and ability of players.
- ⚽ Ensure that the tasks and/or training set are suitable for age, experience, ability, and physical and psychological conditions of the players.
- ⚽ Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- ⚽ Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- ⚽ Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
- ⚽ Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, and the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.
- ⚽ Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your players.
- ⚽ Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.
- ⚽ Know and abide by rules, regulations and standards, and encourage players to do likewise. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.
- ⚽ Be honest and ensure that qualifications are not misrepresented.
- ⚽ Keep your qualifications up to date with the latest coaching practices

Persons failing to comply with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action by the Club.