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Coaches Code of conduct

The coach-educator has a great influence over young players involved in grassroots soccer. From the very fact that coach-educators spend a lot of time with the children, their own conduct and behaviour will inevitably affect the attitudes and conduct of the children. For this reason the coach-educator must always maintain a positive manner and display an exemplary attitude to all participants, both in physical respects as well as in social and emotional relationships.

The coach-educator must not just be perceived as a soccer expert or organiser, but also as a guide, educator and example to be followed.

The GOALS of the coach-educator

- Enjoy working with the children.
- Get to know the children very well.
- Be a point of reference for the children.
- Set high standards but be tolerant.
- Listen to the children.
- Keep communicating.
- Instil confidence in the children and reassure them.
- Develop team spirit.
- Encourage initiative and risk-taking in individuals.
- Focus on the “spirit of the game” rather than errors.
- Teach by encouragement.

Behaviour to be avoided

- Constantly shouting or behaving aggressively.
- Training children or asking them to play as if they were adults.
- Forgetting that the main motivation of children is to play football.
- Giving explanations that are too long.
- Presenting technical objectives that are too advanced for the children’s ages.
- Organising exercises that become too routine.
- Focusing on one exercise for too long.
- Continuously interrupting play.
- Criticising an individual in front of the group.
- Forgetting to balance the teams.
- Placing too much emphasis on the results.