



## **Code of Conduct for Coaches**

**A coach's commitment is to improve the performance of the players and the team both physically and mentally through a high quality soccer program within a positive environment.**

As a coach dedicated to both the sport of soccer and to healthy child development, I endeavour at all times to do the following:

- ☺ remember that each player and coach has a right to participate in an environment which prohibits discriminatory practices and must be free from harassment on any basis.
- ☺ keep winning and losing in perspective. My coaching philosophy is based on the guidelines of healthy child development which focuses on developing the player as a person and a soccer player, rather than on the outcome of any game or season.
- ☺ model and teach the values of Fair Play and ethical behaviour at all times, stressing the importance of respecting the rules, officials and ALL players.
- ☺ assess my players' abilities and provide a skill development program that meets their social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs to the best of my abilities. Provide realistic challenges to my players so that they can experience accomplishment through hard work that is in keeping with their abilities.
- ☺ motivate my players through praise and positive recognition rather than through intimidation by words or actions. Develop my players' self-worth first and a winning team second.
- ☺ remember that players need a coach that they can respect and I will, therefore, set a good example at all times making sure not to put the game or Club in disrepute.
- ☺ after each game, I will thank the referee and ask my players to do the same.
- ☺ remember that all my players are entitled to get equal instruction, support and playing time, and that players play to have fun.
- ☺ become thoroughly familiar with the FIFA Laws of the Game, the rules of the GSC and sound principles of coaching. I will not approach the referee during or after the game and will direct any comments regarding refereeing in writing to the Georgetown Soccer Club.
- ☺ keep lines of communication open with athletes and parents in an honest forum.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_