



Coach Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

Code of Conduct

The Gap Football Club (TGFC) proudly maintains the highest standards as a coaching community. As a coach it is essential to ensure the following rules are adhered to at all times.

Player Interaction

- Do not engage in criticism or negative commentary.
- Ensure all comments to players, coaches and parents are positive and constructive.
- Provide positive feedback and focus on areas for improvement.
- Always be respectful to your players, the opposition players, the opposition coach, match officials and parents.
- Seek support from your Technical Director when required.

Game Etiquette

- Do not enter the field of play for any reason unless specifically invited to do so by the referee.
- All substitutions must be made at the halfway line.
- Ensure the substituted player leaves the field of play before the substitute enters.
- Minimise intensive or loud coaching from the sidelines. Where possible use training, half-time and post-match meetings to provide coaching instructions.
- Do not allow parents or managers to coach or instruct players from the sidelines. This is a whole-of-club rule and Ground Marshalls will ensure this is adhered to.
- Do not speak to the referee about running the game, rules or decisions made during the game.
- Speak to the Ground Marshall or a club official should you have any concerns and feedback will be provided to the referee's coordinator.



- Ensure only coaches and substitutes are within 1.5m of the edge of the pitch to create a safety zone for all players.



Code of Ethics

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and ensure everyone is treated equally.
- I will ensure all players are involved in a positive environment, and that the game and training is a positive and enjoyable experience.
- I will respect all players' individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- I will be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
- I will be professional and accept responsibility for my actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- I will make a commitment to my team, and myself that I will continue to improve my own knowledge of the game through coach education and training programs
- I will coach my players to play within the rules and in the spirit of the game of football.
- I will avoid any physical contact with the players and should it be required it would be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players.
- I will be aware of any forms of abuse directed towards my players from other sources whilst they are in my care and report any such behaviour to Club officials.
- I will refrain from any form of harassment towards my players.
- I will provide a safe environment for training and competition, by ensuring the equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and allow for further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
- I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be offensive.
- I will not engage in conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field.
- I will refrain from arguing with the referee /assistant referees regarding decisions they make.
- I will treat participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- I will always encourage my team to play within the laws of the game.
- I will not consent to the use of any banned substance or drugs of dependence by my players.
- I will act in a responsible manner and accept responsibility for my actions.
- I will promote a healthy culture by modelling courtesy, respect and inclusiveness at all times.



The Club asks you to support and actively promote these behaviours and values to ensure Club players have a challenging, positive and enjoyable experience at The Gap Football Club.