Tulla United  Founded 1970

Tulla United AFC Coaches Code of Conduct

1. Remember that as a coach of underage teams, you must act in “loco parentis” and to that extent, your duty of care is more onerous than that of a coach to an adult team.
2. Remember that young people need a coach whom they can respect: Lead by example
3. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved
4. Never ridicule or shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match
5. Teach your players that the Laws of the Game are mutual agreements which no-one should evade or break
6. Be reasonable in your demands on players’ time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests and demands on their time
7. Prepare young people for inter-class and inter-school competitions.
8. Ensure that all players participate in games where possible
9. Remember that young players play for fun and enjoyment and that skill, learning and playing for fun have priority over highly structured competition. Winning is not the only objective
10. Develop player and team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgement of referees and opposing coaches
11. Insist on fair play and disciplined play. Do not tolerate foul play, fighting or foul language. Be prepared to take off an offending player
12. Set realistic goals for the team and individual players and do not push young players into adult-like competitions. Encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship
13. Encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship. Avoid overspecialisation in positional play during their formative years
14. Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play
15. Do not overburden younger players with too much information
16. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and methods, and on the principles of growth and development of young people
17. Be aware of the effect you have on growing children

18. Never criticise the referee or assistant referee during or after a match in front of players or spectators. Always thank the match officials and if they have made decisions which require clarification, discuss the problems after everyone has changed
19. Seek and follow the advice of a doctor in determining when an injured player is ready to play again
20. Ensure that proper equipment and facilities are always available.
21. Ensure that all your players know that bullying, whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated
22. Coaches should not play players who are not registered
23. Ensure that you as a coach are familiar with the Club's Code of Ethics policy. This policy document makes specific reference to bullying, use of photographic equipment, use of mobile phones including picture phones, substance abuse, travelling guidelines as well as general guidelines regarding the safety of the schoolboys/girls at our Club. Each coach/manager/volunteer should ensure that he/she has a copy of this Code of Ethics Policy.