

# Coaches Code of Conduct

Behaviour issues of parents and coaches are continuing to tarnish youth sport in the Tasman and Marlborough regions.

To make sport fun and enjoyable for the kids we ask you to follow these codes of conduct in your role as a coach.

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## As a coach I will:

- Respect everyone involved in the sport. This includes my own players, match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, and spectators
- Always follow the laws of the game
- Display high standards of behaviour and promote fair play to my team and parents
- Always respect the decision made by the official and understand that they can make mistakes
- Never participate in the criticism of an official
- Never get involved in, or put up with, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour towards any group
- Attend the coach education courses I am required to complete by my sport

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## When working with players, I will:

- Make the safety, well-being and enjoyment of each player a priority, even above winning
- Communicate behavioural guidelines with my players so they know what I expect of them and they know what to expect from me
- Make sure all parents of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning

- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Ensure physical contact is safe and appropriate for the situation
- Co-operate fully with others involved in the sport, this includes listening to their parents, doctors, physiotherapists and others to meet the needs of the child
- Never ask a badly injured, or previously concussed player to go back onto the field if they may cause further damage to themselves
- Never encourage cheating or foul play
- Understand all players deserve and need equal game time

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## As a coach I understand that if I do not follow this code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, regional sport organisation or national sport organisation

- Required to meet with the club, regional sport organisation or national sport organisation
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by a club representative
- Required to attend a coach education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club

## Also remember:

If your behaviour at a sporting event is sufficiently serious, it may result in criminal charges.