



## **Coaches Code of Behaviour**

1. Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
2. Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
3. Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
4. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
5. Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm.
6. Teach your players to abide by the competition rules, codes of behaviour and laws of the game.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
8. Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players.
9. Develop and enhance respect between opposition coaches, players and the decisions of the match official.
10. Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play.
11. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to coach accreditation criteria).
12. Take time out to teach players (& others) the laws of the game, hence raising their awareness.
13. Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
14. Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match.
15. Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (technical area) or sideline.
16. Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.

**Codes of Behaviour can be found in the  
GSL Rules of Competition, Section 6**