

## COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The coach has a responsibility to:

1. Always remember that your players are children or young adults.
2. Treat all players fairly and equally.
3. Remember that young players need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, and set a good example.
4. Direct comments and criticism at the performance, rather than at the players. Ensure a balance between suggestions for improvement with comments of progress achieved.
5. Remember that young people play for fun and enjoyment, and that winning is only part of the game.
6. Support the principles of fair play. Accept and uphold the rules of the game, treat opponents and officials with respect, both in victory and defeat. Actively encourage athletes to do the same.
7. Never engage in any verbal or physical abuse of game officials and support all efforts to remove such abuse from young people's sporting activities.
8. Always display high personal standards and project a favorable image of the sport.
9. Not consume tobacco products and alcoholic beverages while working with players and at athletic events. Ensure that team celebrations do not promote alcohol or tobacco products.
10. Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches and from the use of profane or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of your duty as a coach.
11. Educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe and positive environment.
12. Allow team goals to take precedence over your own.
13. When making a decision regarding an injured athlete's ability to continue playing or training, consider their future health and well being as foremost.
14. Refrain from being alone with any minor aged player off-field and under no circumstances travel overnight with a minor aged player or team unless accompanied by another adult.
15. Keep lines of communication open with your players and their parents. Let them know that you are always available should they have any concerns.
16. Remember that you are a coach for the West Van Soccer Club. Co-operate with other coaches and officials for the benefit of all the children in the Club.
17. Uphold the constitution, bylaws and policies of the West Van Soccer Club.
18. Make a commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

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