

SUNSHINE COAST

CHURCHES SOCCER ASSOCIATION

*2024 – Golden Year*

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*Club Name*

Code of Behaviour for Coaches and Managers

*Children play for fun and enjoyment!*

**COACH**

* Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of children's growth and development.
* Be reasonable in your demands on young player’s time, energy and enthusiasm.
* Teach your players that the game rules are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
* Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity.
* Avoid over-playing the talented players. The “just average” players need and deserve equal time.
* Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
* Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the players' age and ability. The scheduling and length of practise times and competition should consider the maturity level of the children.
* Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
* Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.

**PARENT**

* If children are interested, encourage them to play. However, if a child is not willing, do not force them.
* Focus upon the child’s effort and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to the ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
* Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
* Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
* Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
* Remember that children have involved with the organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
* Children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams.
* If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official’s judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child’s involvement. Verbal and physical abuse is not acceptable on or off the field.
* Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children, and they deserve your total support.

Coach/Manager Name: ……………………………………………..

Team Name: ………………………………………………

Team Age Group: …………………………………………

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the SCCSA Code of Behaviour in place for Coaches and Managers.

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*Signature Date*