Goal Sports Respect Code of Conduct

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The following values are as vital as the most basic football skills we teach at Goal Sports.

**These are my four top values:**

* Mutual respect between child and coach
* Discipline
* Understanding
* Team spirit

You, the football coach, are part of a child’s life and will have an effect on helping youngsters develop into fair and sporting players and athletes.

At Goal Sports all have a part to play. We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

 **Play your part and observe The Goal Sports Code of Conduct at all times.**

On and off the coaching field, I will:

* Use my position to set a positive example for the people I am responsible for
* Show respect to others involved in the game/session including match officials, all players, Goal Sports staff, School Staff, Parents and spectators.
* Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
* Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
* Respect the match official’s decision – Promote this within your session.
* Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour between children/staff/parents/spectators.
* Be aware of the potential impact of bad language and/or behaviour on other participants, parents and school staff.
* Encourage & discuss how players should be gracious in victory and defeat

When working with players, I will

* Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
* Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
* Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players’ ability level, age and maturity
* Co-operate fully with others at your sessions (e.g. Other staff, School staff, Parents) for each player’s best interests
* Use my position to remind players and or parents of the Goal Sports Respect Code of Conduct should I feel the need to do so.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Goal Sports

I may be:

* Required to meet with management and or school representatives to discuss matters arising.
* Suspended from coaching at a session in which an issue has arisen
* Required to leave or be sacked from Goal Sports in the event of gross misconduct of the respect code of conduct.

Respect Code of Conduct – Staff Signatures

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