



BELLARINE SHARKS A.F.C.

COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- a) Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything;
- b) Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or being in a losing team;
- c) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy, and enthusiasm,
- d) Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game;
- e) Whenever possible, alternate the group of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success;
- f) Avoid overplaying the talented players as all players deserve equal time on the playing field;
- g) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
- h) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- i) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official;
- j) 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;
- k) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria);
- l) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness;
- m) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times;
- n) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match;
- o) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline;
- p) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.
- q) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion