

Duleek AFC Managers Code Of Conduct

- Remember that as a coach of under age teams, you must act as a guardian and as such your duty of care is more onerous than that of a coach to an adult team.
- Remember young people need a coach whom they can respect. Lead by example.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved.
- Never ridicule or shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match
- Teach your players respect for the laws of the game which no one should break.
- Ensure that all players participate in matches. The "average" players deserve equal time.
- Remember young players play for fun and enjoyment and that skill learning and playing for fun have priority over highly structured competition. Winning is not the only objective
- Develop player and team respect for opponents, opposing coaches and judgement of referees.
- Insist on fair and disciplined play. Do not tolerate foul play, fighting or foul language. Be prepared to take off an offending player.
- Set realistic goals for the team and individual players.
- Encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship. Avoid over specialisation in positional play during their formative years.
- Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play.
- Make a commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and methods, and on the principles of growth and development of young people
- Ensure that all players know that bullying whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated.
- Always thank match officials and if they have made decisions that require clarification, discuss the issues after everyone has changed.