



# Blackburn NewHope FC Coaches Code of Conduct

## Unite, Commit, Enjoy

### Children play for Fun and Enjoyment

Coaches play a vital role in the development of our club and the lives of players. Our club is committed to Christian principles and values. We must all work to ensure that everyone has a positive experience that will last long after they leave the club.

- ⚽ Make a personal decision to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles for growth and development of young people.
- ⚽ Remember that young people play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only one part of their motivation.
- ⚽ Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivating and encouraging.
- ⚽ Ensure each player has the opportunity to contribute to the team.
- ⚽ Children learn best by example. Encourage sportsmanship by applauding good play by both teams, encourage others to do likewise.
- ⚽ Teach players that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- ⚽ Develop team respect for the ability of opposition players as well as the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- ⚽ Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow medical advice when determining whether an injured or sick player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- ⚽ Be reasonable in your demands on a young player's time, energy and enthusiasm. The scheduling and length of practice times should take into consideration the maturity level of the players.
- ⚽ Ensure the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- ⚽ Encourage players always to play according to the rules and to respect the official's decision. After a game, thank the referee and opposing team and ask your players to do the same.
- ⚽ If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public.
- ⚽ Coaches are held to account for the behaviours of their team, as well as the behaviour of parents and supporters. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game long enough for them to calm down. Ensure that parents understand their role as a spectator and supporter.

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