

HODSON BAY CELTIC - Football Club

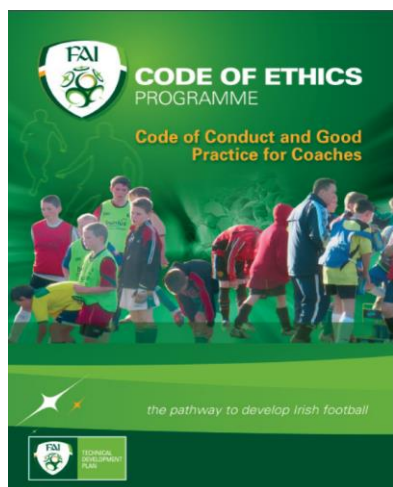
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Hodson Bay Celtic FC's Code of Conduct for Coaches



Adopted from the FAI Code of Conduct and Good Practice for Coaches.

Player Centred Approach Coaches need to be aware of why children want to play soccer. They want to learn new skills, make new friends, be part of a group, to win and be successful, experience challenges, excitement and action.

While winning is important, it must be remembered that winning at all costs does not meet the needs of players. Results are not necessarily a good indicator of coaching effectiveness or ability; the improvement level of players and their level of enjoyment is. Coaches should aim to provide a safe and enjoyable environment where children and young people are placed at the centre of all activities.

In promoting good practice and creating a child/player centred approach coaches should:

- Act as good role models.
- Encourage and be positive during sessions so that players leave with a sense of achievement.
- Set challenging, realistic but achievable goals.
- Plan and prepare each session appropriately and ensure proper levels of supervision.
- Ensure that all activities are inclusive and allow all players to participate in an enjoyable way
- Put the welfare and enjoyment of players first and strike a balance between this and winning or achieving results.
- Enforce the principles of fair play treating each player equally, with dignity and respect and ensure that all players play within the rules.
- Be aware of the developmental stages and needs of players.
- Avoid over training and over emphasis on competition.
- Involve parents/guardians and other club members in what we do.
- Be qualified and up to date with the latest coaching knowledge and skills.
- Coaches should be familiar with the Code of Conduct and Good Practice for Coaches and the FAI Code of Ethics & Best Practice on the FAI website

In promoting "Sport for Fun" coaches should:

- Encourage participation and fun
- Promote the development of skills as opposed to winning at all costs.
- Emphasise and praise effort.
- Act as a good role model.
- Actively discourage children/young players from abusing referees, officials, team mates or opponents (take off offending players).
- Insist on FAIR PLAY (take off offending players). Be realistic with your expectations.
- Be aware of children's feelings and respect different cultures.

NOTE: if the club feel that there has been a breach of the above rules a sanction may take place.