



Managers/Coaches Code of Conduct

The Manager and/or Coach is the key person in any team. Their actions and behaviour create an environment in which the children develop within a team and individually. It is the Managers / Coaches responsibility to uphold the high standards expected by Kennington Juniors Football Club, its Players, fellow Coaches, Parents/Carers, Supporters and Opposition at all times. Below are the Manager's minimum obligations in ensuring that children are coached as both the Club and their parents/carers expect; that all rules and disciplines of the relevant league and the Football Association are complied to; that both opposing teams/coaches and match officials are respected appropriately; and that they respect and work with their fellow Club Coaches.

- Demonstrate respect to all others involved in the game, including match officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches – and your own team and fellow Club Coaches.
- Work with your fellow coaches, particularly those within your respective age group; for the benefit and development of your squad members and collective benefit of your age group.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission, nor publicly criticise any match official.
- Never engage in, nor tolerate, any abusive, offensive or insulting language or behaviour.
- Provide a safe and developmental environment for the children to play or train. Check the playing/training area before use.
- Ensure the children are suitably clothed, wearing shin pads, the correct footwear and have appropriate fluids available.
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of the players above all else – including winning.
- Ensure Players and parents/carers alike understand exactly what you expect of them and what they can expect of you.
- Ensure all activities organised and all communications are appropriate for the ability level, age and maturity. That they are properly planned to ensure fair and equal participation.
- Ensure you have sufficient help available to offer assistance if required, a minimum of two other adults is suggested.
- Ensure you know the actions of the parents; are they staying or leaving? If leaving (with your agreement), do you have a contact number or has duty of care been handed onto another parent/carer in attendance?
- Ensure you are aware of the number of children you are responsible for and that you know of their whereabouts at all times. You must be satisfied that they are safe, especially when they leave your control.
- Ensure that you have the appropriate minimum coaching and 1st aid qualifications, plus have passed a Safeguarding Children workshop and CRB check.
- In addition, all managers/coaches should ensure that they are fully aware of the codes of conduct of both the players and the parents/carers & supporters, as the manager/coach will be the first point of contact in many instances, should any concerns arise.

A copy of this code of conduct is available for your reference in the Club Handbook 2009-10. Players and Parents/Carers & Supporters Codes of Conduct are also visible in the Club Handbook.

Should you be unhappy or concerned about anything at the Club, you should talk to your manager's representative, a member of the Executive Committee, or the Club Welfare Officer, Ian Atkins, on 01233 503048; on 07500788230 or by email at ipjatkins@aol.com