

Code of Conduct

1. Be reasonable in your demands on the player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests. Always remember that your players are children, not miniature professional athletes.
2. Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
3. Share playing time equally. Try as much as is possible to position players where they want to be. All the team members need and deserve equal time.
4. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment, and that winning is only part of the game. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
5. Never engage in any verbal or physical abuse of your team members and support all efforts to remove such abuse from children's sporting activities.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
7. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
8. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
9. Remember that children need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, and set a good example. Refrain from the consumption of tobacco and alcohol products in the presence of your players.
10. Keep lines of communication open with your players and their parents. Let them know that you are always available should they have any concerns regarding the way the season is going.
11. Co-operate with other coaches and officials for the benefit of all the children in the league.
12. Uphold the bylaws and policies of the Calgary Blizzard Soccer Club.
13. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

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