



## **Chilliwack FC Coaches Conduct**

Coaching is a position of trust. Therefore, a Chilliwack FC Coach will be a positive role model for their players, their team, their fans, their club, and their family and will maintain their personal integrity and dignity at all times.

### **Coaches Have a Responsibility to:**

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the athlete.
3. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of their sport and of coaching.
  - Refrain from public criticism of players, fellow coaches, parents, officials and other Club members.
  - Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching and in the conduct of his/her duties.
  - Abstain from the use of tobacco products, illegal, and banned performance enhancing drugs and discourage their use by athletes.
  - Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages while performing or fulfilling the role as coach, especially in the presence of underage athletes. This extends to tournaments or out-of-town travel games where the Coach is the primary supervisor responsible for the team.
  - Discourage the use of alcohol in conjunction with athletic events or victory celebrations at the playing site.
4. Ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
5. Consider the athletes' future health and well-being as foremost when making decisions regarding an injured athletes' ability to continue playing or training.
6. Recognize and accept when to refer athletes to other coaches or sport specialists.
7. Allow athletes' goals to take precedence over their own.
8. Regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and self-awareness.
9. Treat opponents and officials with due respect, both in victory and defeat, and encourage athletes to act accordingly. Actively encourage athletes to uphold the rules of their sport and the spirit of such rules.
10. In the case of minors, communicate and co-operate with the athlete's parents or legal guardians, involving them in management decisions pertaining to their child's development.
11. In an educational institution, be aware of the academic pressures placed on student-athletes and conduct practices and games in a manner so as to allow academic success.

### **Coaches Must:**

1. Ensure the safety of the athletes with whom they work.
2. At no time become intimately and/ or sexually involved with their athletes. This includes requests for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.

3. Respect athlete's dignity; verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable (definition of harassment is attached).

4. Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.

5. Never provide under age athletes with alcohol.

### **Definition of Harassment**

Harassment takes many forms but can generally be defined as behavior including comments and/ or conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading or otherwise offensive to an individual of groups or individuals or which creates an uncomfortable environment.

### **Harassment may include:**

- written or verbal abuse or threats;
- sexually oriented comments;
- racial or ethnic slurs;
- unwelcome remarks, jokes, innuendoes, or taunting about a person's body, attire, age, marital status, ethnic or racial origin, religion etc.
- displaying of sexually explicit, racist or other offensive or derogatory material; sexual, racial, ethnic or religious graffiti;
- practical jokes which cause awkwardness or embarrassment, endanger a person's safety, or negatively affect performance;
- unwelcome sexual remarks, invitations or requests whether indirect or explicit, or intimidation; leering (suggestive staring), or other obscene or offensive gestures;
- condescension, paternalism or patronizing behavior which undermines self-respect or adversely affects performance or working conditions;
- physical conduct such as touching, kissing, patting, pinching, etc.;
- vandalism; physical assault.

I acknowledge that this Code of Conduct has been adopted by Chilliwack FC and agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by Chilliwack FC that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Warning
- Probation
- Game suspension
- Season suspension
- Removal from program

In the event a situation rises which calls for interpretation, Chilliwack FC will take into account the best interest of each athlete, the entire team, Chilliwack FC, and the integrity of the soccer game. Chilliwack FC Executive decisions will be final.

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Coach's Signature

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Date

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Coach Name (Please Print)

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Chilliwack FC Technical Director/Head Coach

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Date