Code of Conduct: Coaches

Royal York Football Club expects all Coaches to be a positive representation of the Club at all times. As such, RYFC has implemented the following Code of Conduct and requires that it be adhered to at all times. RYFC will ensure all Coaches are made aware of this Code and will make it available on the Club's website as well as in manuals and handbooks. If a Coach fails to comply with the standards set forth in this code, disciplinary measures may be taken by the Club.

A Royal York FC Coach must:

1. Not be working for another soccer club, soccer academy or any organization affiliated with soccer while employed by Royal York Football Club. Working for another soccer entity while working for Royall York Football Club will result in immediate dismissal.
2. Create and maintain a positive environment that promotes teambuilding and development.

3. Be committed to improving the performance of the players and the team physically and mentally.

4. Provide a high quality soccer program that positively reflects the values of Royal York Football Club.

5. Comply with all RYFC policies and procedures as stated in league manuals, on the website, etc.

6. Never create an environment that anyone affiliated with the team might find offensive, sexually suggestive or uncomfortable in any way.

7. Ensure the safety of the players is paramount at all times. Be aware of players whereabouts at all times. Players have to ask the coach for permission to go to the washroom or leave field.

8. Be thoroughly acquainted with FIFA Laws of the Game and keep attuned to the sound principles of coaching.

9. Respect all people affiliated with the game - players, referees, coaches, spectators, etc. Opponents and referees must be treated with respect at all times.

10. Act as a positive role model at all times as players look up to team officials and model their behaviour after them.

11. Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, referee, coach, player, parent or spectator. I will encourage good sportsmanship amongst players by showing respect and courtesy.

12. Not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs or engage in abusive language at games or within sight of any of the players.

13. Encourage players to exhibit good sportsmanship, be gracious winners and losers, and to always play fairly within the laws of the game.

14. Wear a Club coach shirt or jacket at all times at games, training sessions, and the Club's sporting/outreach events.

15. Arrive minimum 15 mins before start time of the training session and 30 mins for games.

16. Ensure continuing coach development through courses, resources provided and attend coaches' meetings.

17. Update police check every two years.

18. Absences and lateness will be communicated to Technical Director and Club Director.

19. Follows last minute emergencies, calling in sick protocol: get hold of Technical Director and Technical Coordinator. No text, email or sms. Speak with either Technical Director or Technical Coordinator to make sure that your session is going to be covered.

20. Advise of holiday schedule 3 weeks in advance.

21. Find a suitable replacement if a coach cannot attend a session once schedule is posted. Replacement has to be approved by Technical Director or Club Director.

22. Ensure that all players are accounted for and picked up by their parents at the end of the session. The coach is the last person leaving the session.

23. Set up and tear down equipment, Parents are not allowed to help with the set up and tear down of the equipment. Only coaches can do this. Players can put away balls, pinnies but not any equipment that needs assembling.

24. Not accept a ride from parents.

25. Not allow parents store or bring equipment on coaches' behalf.

26. Be enthusiastic and positive. Be generous with praise when deserved and provide feedback in a positive format that promotes improvement and confidence building.

I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to abide by the RYFC Coaches Conduct and Standards

2. I acknowledge that if I breach the Coaching Conduct and Standards, It could result in loss of field time and possible dismissal.

I, _____ accept the above rules as written and will do my best to abide by them.

Signature _____

Date _____