



TORRO UTD A.F.C. COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Remember if you are a coach of underage teams, you must act as a guardian and as such your duty of care is more onerous than that of the coach of an adult team.
- Remember young people need a coach whom they can respect. Lead by example.
- Be generous with your praise, players of all levels need encouragement in order to develop.
- Never ridicule or shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match.
- Teach your players respect for the laws of the game which no one should break.
- Ensure that all players participate in sessions and matches, and at a standard suitable to ability, to ensure their enjoyment.
- Insist on fair and disciplined play. Do not tolerate foul play, fighting or foul language. Be prepared to take off an offending player.
- Encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship. Where possible, try to avoid over specialisation in positional play during their formative years.
- Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play.
- Make a commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and make an effort to attend any coaching education courses offered by Torro Utd AFC.
- Ensure that all players know that bullying whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated.
- Always thank match officials. If you feel they have made decisions that require clarification, try to apply the “48hour rule”, and consult Torro Utd club committee where necessary.
 - Coaches should show respect to match officials, parents, all of our volunteers, opposition teams & spectators. Lead by example.
 - Every Coach & member of the Club will uphold the good name of the Club at all times both on and off the pitch and not commit any act that would be contrary to this.

Safety Best Practice

Coaches have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all players possible within the limits of their control. Therefore, coaches should seek to create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to play and train.

In this respect:

- Regular safety checks should be carried out in relation to premises, training facilities and equipment. Any problems should be brought to the attention of the Committee.
- Appropriate safety rules should be adopted and implemented, and protective equipment should be used in any contact training session.
- Parents/guardians should be informed of the starting and finishing times of training sessions and matches.
- A first aid kit should be available at all training sessions /matches and injuries should be recorded, with a note of action taken in relation to each one.
- Parents/Guardians should be notified of injuries/illness which their children incur while participating in any football activity.
- Never play injured players.
- **Ensure that the FAI Goalpost safety policy is strictly adhered to at all times.**