

SLIGO - LEITRIM YOUTH, SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS LEAGUE

Code for Coaches

- As a coach of underage teams you must act in 'loco parentis' at all times.
- Remember that young people need a coach whom they can respect, lead by example.
- Never ridicule or shout at young players for making mistakes or losing a match.
- Educate players on obeying the Laws of the Game.
- Try to ensure that all players participate in matches. All players regardless of ability need and deserve 'playing time'.
- Remember **winning is not the only objective.**
- Develop player and team respect; for each other, opponents, referees and other coaches.
- Insist on fair play and disciplined play. Do not tolerate foul play, fighting or bad language. Be prepared to take off an offending player.
- Set realistic goals for your team and individual players.
- Encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship.
- Create a safe and enjoyable environment which to train and play.
 - Do not over burden young players with too much information.
 - Attend suitable training courses whenever possible to assist you in your development when working with young people in sport.
- Do not criticise the referee or linesperson during or after a match in front of players or spectators.
- Seek and follow the advice of a doctor/physiotherapist when dealing with injured players.
- Ensure proper equipment and facilities are available at all times.
- Ensure all players realise that bullying whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated.

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