

# **INTERNATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

The athlete/coach relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal as well as athletic development of their athletes. The Executive Committee of The International Premier League (IPL) has developed this Code of Conduct to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional and ethical behaviour from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer. (The term “Coach” shall include, but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and or Team Representative.)

To clarify expectations of coaching conduct, the IPL jointly expects all coaches to conform to this code of conduct.

- I will keep current with all International Premier League, policies and procedures.
- I will follow IPL policies, in the event a policy is unclear, I will contact the IPL staff member to clarify the issue. I will do my utmost to learn IPL policies.
- I will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
- I will teach my players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
- I will never engage in harassment or physical abuse of team members, game officials, or opposition and support all efforts to remove such abuse from league activities. (Harassment takes many forms but can generally be defined as behaviour, including comments and/or conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading or otherwise offensive to an individual, or group of individuals, or which creates an uncomfortable environment).
- I will develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches and players.
- I will remember that athletes need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise, lead by example, and provide all feedback in a constructive, positive manner.
- I will conduct a reasonable inspection of the playing field and of the equipment before each game.
- I will not knowingly let an injured player take part in a game without the advice of a physician.
- I will follow the FIFA Fair Play Policy and I will not sneak in older players in younger age divisions to win games.