



## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

**The following code of conduct has been developed to provide coaches with a clear set of guidelines outlining the behavioural and procedural responsibilities of coaching a Ottawa TFC (OTFC).**

- I understand that I am representing the Ottawa TFC (OTFC) as well as my team and will act accordingly at all times. Any inappropriate conduct directed towards members of the OTFC Board of Directors or the representatives of other associations, other volunteers, parents, players and officials will not be tolerated.
- I understand that coaching is a position of trust. Therefore, I will be a positive role model for my players and will maintain my personal integrity and dignity at all times.
- I understand that being a coach means being, first and foremost, a teacher. I will teach my players basic soccer skills, techniques and strategies, and will give all my players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem.
- I will not swear, use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behaviour or conduct, while acting in a coaching capacity or representing the OTFC.
- I am aware of the Ontario Soccer Association, EODSA, and OTFC league bylaws, policies, rules and regulations and agree to abide by them and to be bound by them and shall support and uphold them to the best of my ability. I understand I may be disciplined (suspended) if I violate the league bylaws, policies, rules and regulations.
- I will respect the referees and game officials and their authority during every game. I will not dispute, challenge, or excessively argue any decisions made by them, or confront any referee or league official at the field before, during or after a game. If necessary, I will take the time to calmly and rationally discuss any situation or call made during a game with a league official or by utilizing proper channels.
- I will always display good sportsmanship and fair play, and will encourage the same from my players, colleagues, opponents, parents and spectators.
- I understand that the game of soccer is a team sport and will treat all my players in a fair and equal manner. I will stress that teamwork and being a team player are more important than any individual goals.
- I will have a positive attitude and will always praise my players for trying hard, playing fair and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the game. I will not criticize or yell at any player for making a mistake or losing a competition. I will not tolerate physical or verbal abuse in youth sports.
- I will maintain an open line of communication with my players' parents. I will explain my goals and objectives for the team, as well as the rules of the game and the policies of the league, whenever requested or necessary, to the best of my ability.



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- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all games, exhibitions, practices and events. I will never coach a game or conduct a practice if I am under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

Coach's Name:

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Coach's Signature:

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Date:

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*Approved by the CUSC Board of Directors on January 6, 2010*