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CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – COACHES

Winning in any sport is a vital part of sporting tradition – but not as important as the *spirit of the game*. This spirit stems from a commitment to fair play and that winning is only a part of player motivation.

The principles below should be used as a guide (but not limited to) for players as members of Glenwood Redbacks Soccer Club:

- a. Adhere to the Clubs Equal Playing Opportunities Policy (*If applicable*). Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All junior players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- b. Avoid overplaying the talented players, the just average need and deserve equal time.
- c. Be reasonable in the demands of your players.
- d. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician (if available) when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- e. Operate within the rules of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- f. Demonstrate respect for team mates, opponents, match officials and team officials.
- g. Plan training so that Players are learning by doing. Too much talking creates boredom.
- h. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principals. Schedule training and competition for the maturity and level of the players.
- i. Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards appropriate for the age and ability of the players.
- j. Never argue with a referee or assistant referee. If you disagree, approach the official during a break or after the game.
- k. Eliminate verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities. Refer the Child Protection Act 1998.
- l. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- m. Remember the Coach and Manager are part of a team and should support each other.

CODE OF FAIR PLAY – COACHES & MANAGERS

- a. Remember that kids are playing for fun and winning is only part of the game.
- b. Do not yell or abuse the kids for mistakes or not winning.
- c. Do not argue with referees or officials of the game, your club, other clubs or associations
- d. Understand the kids under your supervision and be reasonable on your demands.
- e. Teach the kids to play within the rules and the spirit of the game.
- f. Remember that ALL the kids in your team deserve equal playing time.
- g. Keep your qualifications up to date with the latest coaching practices.
- h. Remember injured players must be able to walk from the field.
DO NOT lift or attempt to carry an injured player from the field. **CALL AN AMBULANCE.**

I _____ agree to abide by the above rules of behaviour and code of fair play, set by the Glenwood Redbacks Soccer Club.

Signed _____ Date _____