



Coaches Code of Conduct

Just as there exists a code of conduct for players and spectators, it is vitally important that the coaches adhere to a strict protocol when it comes to their conduct in performing their duties around the club.

The children look to, and take their cue from, the coach and from his helpers so setting a high standard of behavior should be uppermost in coaches' minds. It is not acceptable to the club that coaches, players and spectators behave in an abusive or derogatory fashion to anyone whilst representing Hampton Rovers.

- Young people play sport for pleasure, winning is only part of the fun.
- Never abuse or ridicule a Hampton Rovers or an opposition player.
- Never abuse an umpire, an official or the spectators whatever the provocation.
- Always offer encouragement for a job well done or a job attempted.
- Support all players in their efforts to improve.
- Support all officials as they go about their (voluntary) tasks.
- Ensure all players are given the opportunity to do their best.
- Adhere to Club policy with respect to awards, trophies and match reports.
- Any form of racial or religious vilification is unacceptable, must be eradicated and will be disciplined appropriately.
- Untoward violence is not to be tolerated and must be disciplined appropriately
- Show concern toward sick or injured players and follow the advice of doctors.
- Know the rules of the game and operate within them & their spirit.
- Obtain the appropriate qualifications and remain up to date with current practices.

“Above all, coaches should enjoy themselves and their work.”



Coaches are also expected to develop the football skills of the children within their charge and they will participate in developing them as better citizens as a result. Our coaches are expected to attend all training sessions (or arrange a suitable proxy) and of course, are expected to attend all matches, performing their duties on match day with enthusiasm and an ever improving personal skill level.

Coaches are expected to liaise with the children and with their parents to ensure all are aware of training schedules and requirements, match times, dates and venues and to provide feedback especially to the children as their progress.

It is acknowledged that there is a heavy requirement for paperwork to be completed and filed appropriately but all the paperwork exists for a reason. It is expected that the coaches and their team managers take the time and make the effort to complete the required detail in an accurate and timely manner.

Coaches are expected to take responsibility for organising their band of helpers from Team Managers to Goal Umpires, from Time Keepers to Boundary Umpires and from Runners to Water boys and Orange & Drink providers. A strong Team Manager is vital and together you must approach the parents within in your group to solicit helpers, so that the coach can concentrate on his task, the boys don't feel the pressure of inadequate support staff and the club doesn't incur the fines.

From time to time meetings are arranged between the coaching group, individual coaches and the committee or between coaches and team managers. These meetings are kept to a minimum and it is expected that each coach attends and contributes to these meetings as requested.

All our Junior coaches are expected and required to attain Level One Coaching Accreditation and the club arranges and pays for that accreditation each year. All coaches are encouraged to gain higher levels of accreditation and will be supported in those endeavors by the club.

Being involved in our club is not just about playing football. Fun and enjoyment both on and off the field is paramount. Team officials play a pivotal role as the central figures of the team and it is asked that as coach you encourage players and their families to support club social events. Remember, its not just about the football, and many lifelong friendships hare been formed at Hampton Rovers.