



## Wembley Downs Soccer Club Volunteer, Coach, and Manager Code of Conduct

As a volunteer, coach, or manager at Wembley Downs Soccer Club, I will:

1. **Prioritise Enjoyment.** Remember that players participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the enjoyment.
2. **Encourage Positively.** Never ridicule or yell at a player for making mistakes or losing.
3. **Be Reasonable.** Make fair demands on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
4. **Uphold the Rules.** Operate within the rules and spirit of the game, including Football West competition rules, and teach players to do the same.
5. **Create Positive Experiences.** Ensure that time spent with the team is positive for all players, giving equal attention and opportunities.
6. **Ensure Fair Distribution of Playing Time.** Avoid giving excessive playing time to more talented players; strive to provide all players with equal opportunities based on their commitment and participation.
7. **Ensure Safety.** Check that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for players' age and ability.
8. **Display Professionalism.** Show control, respect, and professionalism to everyone involved in the sport, including opponents, officials, parents, and spectators.
9. **Prioritize Player Health.** Show concern for sick or injured players, following medical advice for their return to play.
10. **Continually Improve.** Obtain appropriate qualifications and stay updated with the latest coaching practices and youth development principles.
11. **Be Organised.** Plan and execute varied, flowing training sessions.
12. **Respect Boundaries.** Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate and necessary for skill development. Ask for consent before any physical contact.
13. **Respect Diversity.** Treat every young person with dignity and respect, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
14. **Comply with Policies and Regulations.** Provide a current Working with Children Check when required to interact with minors.
15. **Verify Eligibility.** Confirm player identification and eligibility for competitions on behalf of the club.
16. **Lead by Example.** Encourage players to display good sportsmanship and respect towards all participants.
17. **Communicate Effectively.** Maintain open and respectful communication with players, parents, and club officials.
18. **Promote Fair Play.** Teach and demonstrate the importance of playing fairly and respecting opponents.



19. **Support Club Values.** Uphold and promote the values and reputation of Wembley Downs Soccer Club.
20. **Foster Team Spirit.** Encourage camaraderie and supportive relationships among team members.
21. **Prioritise Personal & Professional Growth.** Demonstrate or willingness to pursue a deeper knowledge of the game by obtaining/holding a Foundation of Football, A, B or C accreditation.

I understand that following the Code of Conduct is a requirement of my membership. The Club is committed to working with its members to ensure compliance and will take any necessary actions to protect and support our community-focused environment.

By adhering to these principles, I contribute to creating a positive, safe, and enjoyable environment for all members of Wembley Downs Soccer Club.