



MONTROSE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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A responsible sports coach helps the development of individuals through improving their performance. This is achieved by:

- Identifying and meeting the needs of individuals.
- Improving performance through a progressive programme of safe, guided practice, measured performance and / or competition.
- Creating an environment in which individuals are motivated to maintain participation and improve performance.

To achieve this, Montrose Youth Football Club requires its coaches to comply with the principles of good ethical practice listed below

- Coaches must abide by the Scottish Youth Football Association Child Protection Policies, and be prepared to have Disclosure Scotland checks carried out as required.
- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally within the context of their sport.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of any child above the development of performance. They should follow all guidelines laid down by the sports governing body.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with their players, based on mutual trust and respect. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Coaches must encourage and guide their players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches should hold relevant, recommended, up to date and nationally recognised governing body coaching qualifications.
- Coaches must ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with their players (and where appropriate with their parents) exactly what is expected of them and what the players are entitled to expect from their coach. A contract may sometimes be appropriate.
- Coaches should co-operate fully with other coaches, officials and specialists in the best interests of the player.
- Coaches should always promote the positive aspects of their sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.
- Coaches must not post offensive remarks about any other Scottish Youth Football Association club Manager, Coach or Player on social networking sites such as (but not limited to) Facebook, Bebo and Twitter
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches should ensure that players wear shin guards at all times during training and matches.

SANCTIONS

Any breaches of the above Code of Conduct should be brought to the attention of the General Committee who will take such action as is deemed necessary. This may ultimately result in the coach being asked to leave the Club.

I agree to abide by the above principles

Name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____