

UWA-Nedlands FC



Coaches, Players, Parents and Spectator Code of conduct

1. Preface

The UWA-Nedlands Football Club ("UWANFC") strongly promotes mutual respect, tolerance and quality football development. All members of UWANFC have a responsibility to display high standards of behaviour at training and during matches to ensure the enjoyment of everyone involved including players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials.

The guidelines in this document have been prepared for all parties involved at the Club in the interests of developing our players at the best possible level.

2. Coaches

Coaches are an integral part of the club and as such it is essential that coaches demonstrate the highest possible standards of behaviour. As the face of the club to players and parents, coaches must demonstrate professionalism in their behaviour and act as role models to their players. A coach must ensure a safe and positive environment for the enjoyment of all involved. Below are some of the behaviours expected from all UWANFC coaches:

I. At training

- + Coaches should always be at training at least 15 minutes before the start of their session
- + Coaches will take good care of all Club equipment and wear appropriate Club apparel.
- + Coaches will follow the advice of a physician to determine when an injured player can recommence training or playing.
- + Coaches will not use mobile phones during sessions, unless in cases of emergency.
- + Coaches should refrain from communicating with parents during training sessions as this detracts from the quality of the session, is disruptive and unprofessional.
- + Coaches will display self-respect and respect for players and parents.
- + Coaches will endeavour to provide periodical feedback on player development or general feedback for the team.

II. During Matches, in public

Coaches' behaviour is expected to be at the highest level, including interaction with the opponent, referees and officials as well as players, parents and spectators, as we are all ambassadors of the Club.

- + Coaches are and should be ROLE MODELS to and for everyone.
- + Club apparel shall be worn during matches, warm up and warm down.
- + Coaches should be mindful of their behaviour in public such that it does not negatively impact their reputation and that of the Club.
- + Coaches should identify a technical area (delimited by use of cones) on the side of the pitch and invite all the players not on the pitch to stay in that area during the game. Parents and spectator should not be allowed to stand in the technical area and keep a respectful distance. (Exception: team managers)
- + Coaches should not engage in any conversation with parents or spectator as that may impair their decisions as well as his/her ability to adequately support the team during the game. (Exception: team managers)
- + Coaches should refrain to engage in discussions regarding officials (referees) or opponents and should always propose peaceful resolution of potential discussions on the pitch.

In addition to the above, coaches should also adopt behaviours to:

- + Remember that players participate for fun and winning is only part of the fun
- + Respect all player's individuality and help them reach their own full potential
- + Be fair, considerate and honest with all players
- + Be reasonable in your demands on your players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- + Encourage children to play fairly and within the rules
- + Refrain from any form of abuse directed at players, coaches, referees (Football West/parents), officials, parents or spectators
- + Act with professionalism and treat all players, coaches, referees, officials, administrators, parents and spectators with respect and courtesy. Encourage players to do the same
- + Focus on children's effort and performance not the score
- + Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or not winning
- + Never criticise or ridicule any child's performance after a game
- + Refrain from crude, foul, derogatory, offensive or abusive language
- + Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion

3. Players

Players are an important part of the club and as such it is essential that players follow the Code of Conduct.

I. At training

Players should arrive at training at least 10 minutes before the start of the session. Boots, shin guards and other appropriate gear should be on and the player ready to start training on time. During training, players should strive to be active and motivated, as this will help the whole team to improve.

Players must listen to the coach at training and communicate with the coach about all elements of training and games respectfully. If the player is not able to make it to training, the Coach needs to be notified with ample notice.

II. During matches

Players are to arrive to games on time, as communicated by the Coach. If a player cannot come to the game, the coach should be notified with reasonable notice, with a valid explanation or reason. Players should listen to the coach and avoid engaging in conversation with parents/spectator during the game.

Players must behave in the spirit of fair play before, during and after the match. Players must show respect toward the opponent, referees, officials, spectators and teammates. Players must win and lose graciously.

Players should refrain to engage in discussion with opponents, officials

In addition to the above, players should endeavour to:

- + Work hard for themselves and their team
- + Play to the best of their ability
- + Always play fairly and within the rules
- + Cooperate with team-mates and coach, and treat them with courtesy and respect
- + Thank the opposition and referees after the game
- + Never argue with the referee and to respect their decisions
- + Refrain from any form of abuse directed at team-mates, coaches, opponents, referees (Football West/parent), officials, parents or spectators
- + Refrain from crude, foul, derogatory, offensive or abusive language
- + Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion

4. Parents or Spectators

Parents and spectators are an important part of UWANFC. As such parents and spectators have a responsibility to support their child's footballing activities in a positive manner both on and off the pitch. It is essential that parents and spectators act appropriately, demonstrate high standards of behaviours and act as role models for children in their interactions with players, coaches, officials, and other parents and spectators.

Supporting their child and their team is important and natural for parents, but this needs to be done in a positive way to provide a safe environment and ensure the enjoyment for everyone involved.

I. At training and during matches

- + Rude and derogatory comments from the side by parents/spectators will not be tolerated.
- + Parents/spectators are not allowed on the sports field during the match. They should stand outside of the designated technical area identified by the coach prior the start of the game. At training, parents/spectators can watch training from a respectful distance.
- + Parents/spectators are not to advise the coach on how to do his or her job, equally during matches or training. Parents/spectators should refrain from “coaching” their child or any other players during training or the game, as it is distractive for the players on the pitch.

In addition to the above, parents and spectators are expected to

- + Remember that players participate in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours
- + Encourage players to participate but not force or pressure them
- + Focus on player’s effort and performance not the score
- + Encourage players to play fairly and within the rules
- + Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not winning
- + Never criticise or ridicule my or any player’s performance after a game
- + Treat all players, coaches, referees (Football West/parents), officials, administrators, parents and spectators with respect and courtesy
- + Never argue with the referee, respect their decisions and teach players to do the same
- + Refrain from any form of abuse directed at players, coaches, referees, officials, parents or spectators
- + Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion