

Paris Soccer Club  
Basic Coaching Manual 2008

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND COACHES**



## **Coaches Code of Conduct**

### **I will:**

- Remember that we are all here for the "Good of the Game", and that we participate in the "Spirit of Fair Play".
- Continually communicate with parents to advance the sport.
- Treat all players, parents, opponents and referees with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Teach each player, by personal example to be humble in victory and courteous in defeat.
- Learn the Laws of the Game of soccer, respect and abide by them.
- Teach the Laws of the Game and sportsmanship to my players.
- Respect the game officials at all times, and require the same of my players.
- Remain calm and not make loud or offensive remarks.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Ensure that I and all players control emotions and avoid actions, language, or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
- Ensure that fans are taught sportsmanship and to control their behavior before, during and after games.
- Assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during the games.
- Attend coaching clinics and learn the most effective ways to conduct practices.
- Teach players the skills necessary to develop in the sport.
- During the games, leave the decisions to the players.
- Observe the game, analyze and teach to reduce mistakes or enhance skills.
- Promote the concept that soccer is a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, and not enemies.
- Provide an environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Review and practice first aid principals to administer the injuries of my players.
- My assistant coaches, players, and I will be properly registered participants.
- Play the game and encourage parents to play and to referee.

## **Coaching Principals**

### **Safety**

- My first responsibility is the safety and health of my players.
- Know and understand the Laws of the Game of soccer.
- Inspect player's equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
- Implement appropriate training to ensure players are fit for practices and competition.
- **Become certified in basic first aid.???**

## **Player Development**

- Develop the child's appreciation for the game.
- Be sensitive to each child's developmental needs.
- Educate the players on technical, tactical, physical, and psychological demands of soccer, at their level.
- Apply the rules and techniques applicable to the age group.
- Allow players to gain experience in all positions.
- Understand that players need to have fun to stay with any sport.
- Conduct practices in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- Strive to help each player reach their full potential and move on to their next stage of development.

## **Ethics**

- Strive to maintain integrity within the sport.
- Know and follow the rules and policies set forth by the club, league, state and national associations.
- Work in the spirit of cooperation with administrators and game officials.
- Set the standard of sportsmanship for referees, spectators, and players.
- Encourage moral and social responsibility.
- Just say no to drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Continue to improve my own knowledge and ability as a coach

## **Parents Code of Conduct**

### **I will:**

- Be supportive of the coach in action and verbally
- Respect the coach and the referees
- Be certain my children are at practices and games on time, and are picked up on time
- Remain with my child at all times
- Be calm and positive, or quiet at games
- Applaud good plays by both teams
- Respect my children, and expect them to respect others at all times
- Focus on good nutrition
- I will accept the referee's decisions
- Accept the outcome of the game with a positive attitude
- Encourage the players to be gracious whether winning or losing
- Do not criticize your child's team or on the opposing team
- Since soccer is a mental game. I will ask my child what new skills they have learned and what their role in the game was, or will be
- encourage communications between parents and coaches
- remain 6' behind the touch line, opposite side from the coaches and the team, and between the 18 yard lines
- not stand behind the goal, or goal side of the 18 yard lines
- not coach my child from the touch line
- retain a positive attitude at all times
- not use foul and abusive language at any time

## **Players Code of Conduct**

### **I will:**

- Remember that we are all here for the "Good of the Game", and that we participate in the "Spirit of Fair Play"
- Exhibit courtesy and sportsmanship at all activities.
- To learn the game and develop skills to the best of my ability
- Treat opponent, my teammates, and the coach with respect
- Play at my best, and play fairly within the Laws of the Game
- Keep control of my temper
- Leave vulgar and inappropriate language at home.
- Respect the referee and accept their decisions
- Win without boasting
- Lose without excuses
- Never quit
- Represent my soccer club and community by demonstrating good sportsmanship
- Be supportive of the coach in action and verbally
- Respect the coach and the referees

### **Players Rights:**

- The right to participate in each game at least 50% for recreational/developmental soccer
- The right to participate at a level that corresponds with my ability
- The right to be taught the fundamentals of soccer
- The right to participate in a safe and healthy environment
- The right to enjoy the sport as a child

## **Referee Code of Conduct**

### **I will:**

- Always maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer
- Conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of my position
- Always honor the assignment or any other contractual obligation
- Attend training meetings and clinics so as to know the Laws of the Game, their proper interpretation and application
- Always strive to achieve maximum team work with my fellow officials
- Be loyal to my fellow officials and never knowingly promote criticism of them
- Be in good physical condition
- Control the players effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness
- Do my utmost to assist my fellow officials to better themselves and their work
- Not make statements about my games except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game
- Not discriminate against nor take undue advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin

### **Referee Commitment:**

- Officiate matches in a fair and safe manor that ensures player and spectator enjoyment
- Maintain my physical fitness for peak performance
- Faithfully keep all appointments assigned to and accepted by me
- Support my fellow officials with loyalty, pride, and dignity
- Conduct myself in a way to be ethically and morally beyond reproach
- Grant players and coaches dignity and self-respect
- Remain committed to contributions to continuous learning and an improvement process that enables me to perform to my full potential