

St Peter's Iver Football Club



Code of Conduct

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

St Peter's Iver Football Club ("SPFC") is a Community Amateur Sports Club giving opportunities for children of all abilities to play football, both through training and through the playing of competitive and friendly matches. As a non-profit organisation, all Coaches, Team Managers, and Club Officials (herein referred to as Coaches) are volunteers, and carry out their roles out of a willingness to help children have fun, keep fit and get opportunities through sport. All coaches maintain up-to-date Safeguarding and *First Aid* qualifications, in addition to undergoing enhanced DBS checks. In line with and supplementary to these practices, the SPFC recognises the influence that coaches can have on children's lives and expect continual high levels of behavioural standards, as laid out in the following code of conduct:

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
- Coaches/Team Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and where appropriate, parent/guardian) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- Coaches must cooperate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of players.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations.
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches will not use or tolerate inappropriate language.