Greatham Youth Football Club
Code of Conduct for Coaches

(The following codes have been compiled using the FA code of good practice booklet) All coaches must attend a Child Protection Workshop and agree to complete a Criminal Records Bureau check before taking up a position within the Club.

1. Coaches should set good time keeping standards arriving for training and matches before the players arrive;
2. Coaches should ensure that all training equipment is kept in good condition and be ready for use before the players arrive;
3. Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn at all times;
4. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport;
5. Coaches should remain honest and open with the players, parents and each other;
6. The well-being and safety of each player is a coach's main priority and comes before the development and performance of the player;
7. Coaches must adhere to all the guidelines laid down by the governing bodies (FA);
8. It is expected that the Coaches will develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect;
9. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward;
10. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance;
11. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players;
12. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach;
13. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player;
14. 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 or the use of prohibited substances or techniques;
15. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour, appearance and timekeeping;
16. Inappropriate language should not be used by the coaches, nor should it be tolerated from anyone.