



# Tel Smith Goalkeeping (TSG)

## Code of Conduct

Our Goalkeeper Coaching Code of Conduct serves as a set of guidelines to ensure that coaches maintain professionalism, fairness, and respect in their dealings with players, staff, and the wider community.

### ### 1. **\*\*Respect for Players\*\***

- Treat all players with respect, regardless of skill level, background, or personal characteristics.
- Foster a positive environment that encourages learning, growth, and sportsmanship.
- Avoid using derogatory language, bullying, or any form of abuse.
- Ensure players' safety and well-being are always the top priority.

### ### 2. **\*\*Integrity and Fairness\*\***

- Uphold the principles of fair play both on and off the field.
- Avoid any form of cheating, including encouraging players to break the rules or play unsporting.
- Act with honesty, transparency, and accountability in all decisions and actions.

### ### 3. **\*\*Commitment to Development\*\***

- Focus on the development of players, not just the outcome of games.
- Provide equal opportunities for all players to improve, regardless of ability.
- Encourage players to set personal and team goals, helping them achieve their full potential.

### ### 4. **\*\*Professionalism\*\***

- Maintain a high standard of personal conduct, both in and out of coaching sessions.
- Be punctual, organized, and prepared for all training sessions, matches, and meetings.
- Be a positive role model and lead by example in attitude, effort, and behavior.

### ### 5. **\*\*Respect for Fellow Coaches and Staff\*\***

- Cooperate and communicate openly with fellow coaches, staff, and volunteers.
- Work to create a collaborative environment, supporting the shared goals of the team, club or group.
- Be open to feedback and professional development, continually striving to improve your coaching skills.

### ### 6. **\*\*Communication and Feedback\*\***

- Communicate effectively with players, parents, and others involved in the team.
- Provide constructive feedback that focuses on improvement, while maintaining a positive atmosphere.
- Be clear and transparent about expectations and roles within the team or group.

### ### 7. **\*\*Respect for the Game and Officials\*\***

- Show respect for match officials, regardless of their decisions or performance.
- Never argue with officials or engage in unsportsmanlike behavior during games or practices.
- Promote respect for the game and its traditions within the team and the wider community.

### ### 8. **\*\*Health and Safety\*\***

- Ensure all training sessions and matches are conducted in a safe environment, following relevant regulations.
- Be aware of the signs of injury, and encourage players to report any issues.
- Ensure that proper equipment and facilities are available for all activities.

### ### 9. **\*\*Anti-Discrimination\*\***

- Promote an inclusive environment where all players, coaches, and staff feel welcome and valued, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Take a strong stance against any form of discrimination or harassment, both in and out of the sporting environment.

### ### 10. **\*\*Confidentiality\*\***

- Respect the privacy of all players, staff, and their families.
- Do not disclose sensitive information unless required for safety or legal reasons.

### ### 11. **\*\*Use of Social Media\*\***

- Be mindful of the content shared on social media, ensuring that it upholds the values and reputation of the individual, staff, team, club or group and sport.
- Avoid posting anything that could negatively affect the team or individual players.

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This code serves as a guide for ethical behavior, ensuring coaches maintain a professional, respectful, and supportive environment that prioritizes the welfare of players and the integrity of the game.