



## **Guidelines for Appropriate/Inappropriate Conduct between Adults/Adolescents and Children**

### Guidelines for Appropriate Conduct:

1. Respect the rights and dignity of all children and young people involved in soccer, regardless of their gender, race, religion, culture, or ability.
2. Communicate with children and young people in a clear and age-appropriate manner, using language they can understand.
3. Ensure that all interactions with children and young people are open and transparent, and that other adults are present when necessary.
4. Promote and encourage fair play, team spirit, and good sportsmanship at all times.
5. Provide positive feedback and constructive criticism in a manner that is supportive and encourages development.
6. Recognize the importance of a child's safety and well-being, and act in their best interests at all times.
7. Follow all Canada Soccer rules and regulations related to child protection and welfare, including reporting any suspected abuse or neglect.
8. Respect the privacy of children and young people by not sharing personal information or photographs without their consent.

### Guidelines for Inappropriate Conduct:

1. Engaging in or allowing any form of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or harassment towards children and young people.
2. Ignoring or dismissing a child's concerns or complaints.
3. Fostering an environment of fear, intimidation, or bullying towards children and young people.
4. Using language or behavior that is derogatory, discriminatory, or offensive towards children and young people.
5. Providing or encouraging the use of drugs or alcohol to children and young people.
6. Violating the privacy or confidentiality of children and young people by sharing personal information or photographs without their consent.
7. Using or exploiting a child's involvement in soccer for personal gain or advantage.
8. Failing to follow Canada Soccer rules and regulations related to child protection and welfare.

These guidelines are not exhaustive but are intended to provide general guidance to coaches, parents, and other adults involved in youth soccer in Canada.