



SCOTTISH WOMEN'S
FOOTBALL

Scottish Women's Football – Code of Conduct

Coaches and Officials

Coaches and Officials play a vital role in the girls' and women's game in Scotland, and in the lives of the players whom they coach; they ensure players are safe, develop their footballing skills, maintaining enjoyment of the game, and building lifelong connections to the game we love.

Coaches and Officials are in a unique position of trust in football, and therefore it is important that they adhere to the highest standards of best practice.

As an SWF Official, I WILL:

- abide by the Scottish Women's Football *Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy*
- ensure that my e-learning, declarations, and PVG are up to date
- treat everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religion, or political affiliation
- treat every player equitably
- remember that I am a role model, and shall always behave in an ethical and professional manner
- respect the decision of referees and officials, and encourage players to do the same
- positively promote the reputation of the girls' and women's game
- remember that the safety and wellbeing of young players is the paramount consideration
- Report any concerns that I have seen or been advised of to SWF

I WILL NEVER:

- engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- exert undue influence over players, parents, or colleagues
- bring the game into disrepute
- engage in, or tolerate any form of bullying or abuse
- enter into an inappropriate relationship with a young player or young official

I understand that if I breach this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to consequences, including:

- Receive a verbal warning
- Receive a written warning
- Being subject to a period of supervision
- Require to attend additional training
- Ask to apologise
- Be Suspended from SWF
- Be referred to Police Scotland, and/or other relevant statutory body
- Be referred to Disclosure Scotland



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