Mazenod Football Club – Coaches Code of Ethics (2025 Version)

As a coach representing Mazenod Football Club, I commit to upholding the highest standards of ethical, professional, and safe conduct. I understand that my behaviour directly affects the players, the club, and the reputation of football.

1. Respect and Professionalism

I will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all players, treating everyone equally and fairly.
I will foster a positive, supportive, and enjoyable environment in both training and competition.
I will act professionally at all times, accepting responsibility for my actions and encouraging players to do the same.
I will treat participants, officials, and spectators with courtesy and respect.

2. Child Safety and Wellbeing

All coaches are expected to comply with the Mazenod Football Club **Child Safe Code of Conduct (2025)**

3. Inclusivity and Diversity

I will promote an inclusive environment that respects cultural, linguistic, gender, and ability differences among players.
I will ensure that all players, including those with disabilities, feel empowered, supported, and included in all activities.

4. Fair Play and Ethical Coaching

I will coach players to play within the laws of the game and the spirit of football.
I will not condone cheating, unfair tactics, or the use of banned substances.
I will encourage players to develop personal responsibility, respect for others, and teamwork.
I will refrain from arguing with referees, assistant referees, or officials and model respectful behaviour.

5. Communication and Social Media

I will maintain professional boundaries in all forms of communication, including in-person, online, and via social media.
I will not post, share, or comment on information or images of players without appropriate parental/guardian consent.
I will represent myself and Mazenod Football Club appropriately in all online and public forums.

6. Education and Professional Development

I will continue to improve my coaching knowledge and skills through formal education, training programs, and staying informed of best practices.
I will comply with all club policies, relevant laws, and regulations relating to coaching, child safety, and football management.

7. Safety and Facilities

I will ensure that all equipment, facilities, and training environments meet safety standards.
I will respond appropriately to injuries, sickness, or unsafe situations, and prevent further participation until it is safe for the player to continue.

8. Respect for Club Property and Equipment

During the season, the Club will provide coaches with training and match materials, technical equipment, and apparel ("Club Property"). Coaches must use Club Property solely for Club activities, treat it with due care, and Safeguard it from loss, theft, or misuse. All Club Property remains the exclusive property of the Club and must not be loaned, gifted, or used for personal purposes. Coaches are required to account for all footballs issued at every training session and fixture, ensure none are left behind, and promptly request replacement of any defective or damaged balls through the designated equipment contact. Any loss, damage, or malfunction must be reported immediately; items must be stored securely and returned at season end or upon request. Failure to exercise reasonable care may result in the coach being held accountable in accordance with Club policy.

8. Concussion Policy

Coaches must ensure compliance with the **Club's Concussion Policy** and manage any player exhibiting concussion symptoms accordingly.

9. Accountability

I understand that failure to comply with this Code may result in disciplinary action, including removal from coaching duties.
I commit to modelling ethical, responsible, and child-safe behaviour at all times.

Acknowledgment

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Mazenod Football Club Coaches Code of Ethics (2025). I will immediately report any breaches of this Code to the relevant authority or the club's Child Safety Officer.

Signed: _____
Name: _____
Date: _____