

**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

**COACHES AND OFFICIALS CODES OF CONDUCT**

**#BE THE DIFFERENCE**

**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 do not follow these codes, I may:**

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

Signed by: .....

Date: .....

