

## RESPECT LEAGUE COACHING STANDARDS

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<b>1</b> Try to control and influence children's decisions	<i>instead...</i> Let the children play, let the game be the teacher
<b>2</b> See mistakes as failure	<i>instead...</i> See mistakes as great learning opportunities
<b>3</b> Kick every ball and issue a constant stream of instructions	<i>instead...</i> Relax, analyse the game, maybe make notes
<b>4</b> Commentate or loudly 'cheer' the team on	<i>instead...</i> Remain QUIET most of the time
<b>5</b> Encroach on the pitch or run up and down the touchline	<i>instead...</i> Stand back and stand still
<b>6</b> Over-celebrate your own team's goals and wins	<i>instead...</i> Applaud good play by the opposition
<b>7</b> Give children negative feedback or criticise mistakes	<i>instead...</i> Praise children for effort and for trying new things
<b>8</b> Encourage players to be aggressive and 'get stuck in'	<i>instead...</i> Encourage sporting behaviour
<b>9</b> Use a <i>closed</i> instruction like 'Pass it to Joe'	<i>instead...</i> Use a <i>open</i> phrase like 'Make a good decision'
<b>10</b> Tell individual players where they should be on the pitch	<i>instead...</i> Use a trigger word like 'Shape' to make players think
<b>11</b> Claim throw-ins, corners and free kicks	<i>instead...</i> Leave all the decisions to the referee
<b>12</b> Question the referee in front of players or parents	<i>instead...</i> Back the referee, even when obviously wrong

**We expect full compliance in EVERY League game.**