

## **Mandatory & Enforceable Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Parents and Officials**

The Club Code of Conduct applies to all of our officials, volunteers, members and supporters.

### **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement. All coaches must be accredited to coach in our league.

### **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

We acknowledge that:

- We play by the rules – the rules of our club and the laws of the game
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people you can't play football
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games
- Be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated - fairly
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do – and many such comments are actually now illegal

### **PARENTS, SUPPORTERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game
- Encourage participation, but don't force it
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do – and many such comments are actually now illegal

# AFL & parents combining for our kids

## THE AFL ASKS PARENTS TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT:

- 1** Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 2** Encourage children to participate – do not force participation upon them.
- 3** Focus on the child's efforts and self-esteem rather than whether they win or lose.
- 4** Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- 5** Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or for the team losing a game.
- 6** Remember that children learn best by example – applaud the efforts of all players in both teams.
- 7** Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- 8** Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators, without whom your child could not participate.
- 9** Respect umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- 10** Remember that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport.

