

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

**Wallaroo Football Club**

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

**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 or working toward being accredited to coach at our club.

**JUNIOR COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

* Be reasonable in your demands on the young players’ time, energy and enthusiasm.
* Ensure that equipment and facilities are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
* Group players according to age, height, skill and physical maturity whenever possible.
* Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only a small part.  Be generous with your praise.
* The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into consideration the age group of the players.
* Encourage players to respect the ability of opponents, and the judgement of umpires, and to value the contributions of umpires.
* Teach fundamental rules and techniques and have players experience a variety of positions.
* Have a valid and current National Police Clearance.

**PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

* Play by the rules – the rules of your 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 of other players will not be tolerated
* 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 and to improve your skills
* Don’t use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability, many such comments are now illegal

**PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

* Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches.  They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
* It is the responsibility of the parent to collect their child from training sessions promptly.
* Remember that children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment.
* Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
* Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory.
* Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
* Remember that children learn best by example. Be a good role model.

**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, many such comments are actually now illegal

**Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

**Signature**

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Next policy review date is: April 2022