

**METRO WEST JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**PARENTS/ GUARDIANS/CARERS CODE OF CONDUCT 2013**



This Code of Conduct applies to all Parents/Guardians/Carers of players of the **MWJFL**

- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force participation upon them.
- Focus on your children's efforts and self-esteem rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules - settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or not winning.
- Remember children learn best by example – applaud the efforts of all players in both teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Show appreciation for Coaches, Officials and Administrators- remember they are usually volunteers.
- Respect Umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not use offensive, insulting and/or abusive language, sledge or harass players, Coaches, Officials or Administrators.
- Remember smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport - follow Club Officials' instructions.
- Applaud good performance and efforts - from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants- regardless of the game's outcome.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form – regardless of whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or players.
- Support all policies and practices (lead by example). - This includes responsible alcohol and drug use and support of child- safe strategies.
- Support involvement in modified rules games and other junior development programs.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person -regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Ensure you are aware and follow the correct processes to follow if you have an issue or complaint – do not perpetuate issues with gossip or general criticism.
- Abide by the By-Laws, Rules, Codes of Conduct and Policies of **the Metro West Junior Football League**.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any Match Officials, players, or any Policy decisions of the Club or League.
- Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments against players, Clubs, Club Officials, Match Officials or the League which is discriminatory or offensive. Information technology includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs).

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- I hereby agree that I am bound by the By-Laws, Rules, Code of Conduct and Policies of the Club and the **Metro West Junior Football League** and the AFL as amended from time to time.
  - I acknowledge that my failure to adhere to these rules may result in deregistration.
  - I declare that this information is true and correct.
  - I have received and understand my responsibilities under the League's Code of Conduct.

Players Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)

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(Signature)

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)

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(Signature)

Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_