

**METRO WEST JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MWJFL UMPIRES CODE OF CONDUCT 2013**



This Code of Conduct applies to all Umpires of the **MWJFL**

- Compliment and encourage all players.
- Ensure that the match is conducted in a safe and fair manner.
- Dress should be clean, neat, tidy and in accordance with the agreed uniform of the **MWJFL**.
- Attend the prescribed trainings and maintain level of physical fitness to enable effective control of the game.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or the team for losing a game - remember that the match in which the Umpire is officiating is the most important match that day to those participating in it.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up with any rule changes that may occur.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Interpret and apply the laws according to the spirit of the laws/game.;
- Attend to the administrative requirements necessary for the successful staging of the game.
- Apply rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people and to make participation more fun.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants— you are a role model and a source of a young person's confidence building.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- No physical contact with any player when officiating in a game to gain player attention
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect - for all opponents.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards, and they appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Be familiar with relevant policies and procedures relating to a child safe environment.
- Promote a culturally appropriate environment.
- Ensure you are aware of your mandated responsibility to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect - complete the online training on [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)
- Abide by the By-Laws,(Rules, Code of Conduct and Policies of the **Metro West Junior Football League**.
- Behave in a responsible manner on and off the ground.;
- 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.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have received and understand my obligations under the **Metro West Junior Football League's** Code of Conduct as an Umpire. I also agree to abide by the By Laws, Rules, Code of Conducts and policies that govern this competition.

Umpire's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)

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(Signature)

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