

Wallan Junior Football Club

Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct applies to all Committee members, officials, players and supporters of the Wallan Junior Football Club.

The Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards of conduct for those participating in club activities, both on and off the field.

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 – supporters are there to support not downgrade.
6. Remember that children learn best by example – applaud the efforts of all players in both teams.
7. Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
9. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators, without whom your child could not participate.
10. Respect umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise, never publicly criticise umpires.
11. Remember consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport.
12. Committee members, officials, players and supporters shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will positively promote and foster the image of the Club within the community.
13. Players and officials are encouraged to wear club clothing at club functions and activities.
14. Players and Committee members are required to attend fundraising and social functions, and where possible, assist in the organisation of these events.
15. Players need to play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
16. Players should never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you can't play football.
17. Players must control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
18. Remember be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way. Play for your own enjoyment and to improve your skills.
19. Should a player be unable to fulfil a playing, training or other commitment in any way, they must contact the appropriate Coach or official and provide a reason for non-attendance.
20. Alcohol must not be consumed by any person under 18 years of age at any Club activity or function.

By registering our child with the Wallan Junior Football Club we agree to abide by the principals of this Code of Conduct. We support the Club in it's undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.

PLAYERS NAME: _____
(print name) (signature)

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____
(print name) (signature))

DATE: ____ / ____ / 2014

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The Northern Football League is justifiably proud of the long history that Australian Football has played within this State since the mid-nineteenth century. There have been many significant achievements and created lifelong memories for hundreds of thousands of people. To ensure that Australian Football plays a significant part of our future, the football community must continue to develop ways to preserve the traditions and values of our game.

One of the critical components of our game is the passion that people show for the team & club that they support. Whilst this passion is usually harnessed and used to support our game, it sometimes can boil over to create negative situations. We must all work together in the attempt to eliminate this negative passion.

Codes of Conduct are an integral component of sporting activities and the following codes compliment the good work of many football bodies over several years and the Australian Sports Commission requirement. All Members of The Northern Football League shall adopt Member specific codes and The Northern Football League encourages Members to be vigilant in enforcing such codes whether via support for those who constantly abide by the codes and/or harsh penalties for those who fail to act in accordance with the codes.

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

The Northern Football League fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL and AFL Victoria. All clubs are to enforce a Code of Conduct within their club for officials, players, and members. A member by default extends to family members of players of all age groups.

The following are suggested items that should form part of a Club Code of Conduct:

Player's 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 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 – & many such comments are actually now illegal.

Members 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 – & many such comments are actually now illegal.

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General Supporters

The NFL accepts that it is difficult for Clubs to control the behaviour of supporters who may not necessary be a member of their Club. All effort is to be made by Club officials to approach any supporter who is displaying a poor attitude towards players, umpires, or other supporters and attempt to change the behaviour of such supporters. In the event of such supporters being from an opposing Club, officials of the opposing Club should be approached to engage with the supporters.