

# Eaglehawk Junior Football Club Codes of Conduct

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At the Eaglehawk Junior Football Club we work to ensure that Junior footy is a fun environment for our players, supporters & officials and we believe in the following values:-

**Fun** (we want to enjoy our footy, this means having fun ourselves and helping others to have fun).

**Respect** for our teammates, other teams' players, coaches, managers, trainers, umpires and equipment.

**Improvement** in our skills and to play good footy to the best of our ability.

The Victorian Country Football League (VCFL) & The Bendigo Junior Football League (BJFL) have established Codes of Conduct relating to Junior Football and as a club we accept and respect these Codes and expect all our players, officials & supporters to follow them.

The Codes of Conduct for Junior Coaches, Junior Players & Parents and Spectators of Junior Football are set out in this handbook as good guidance for us all to follow during each football season.

Any serious breach of these codes will result in action through the BJFL as well as the EJFC club committee holding a disciplinary hearing to determine if sanctions are to be imposed. Your registration with our club assumes your acceptance of these codes and your agreement to indemnify the Club against any penalty caused directly by your failure to observe these codes, be it financial or otherwise.

## EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Children play organized sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of Spectators only or are they miniature professionals.
2. Applaud good performances and efforts from each Team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the games outcome.
3. Respect the Officials decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the Children to do likewise.
4. Never ridicule or scold a Child for making a mistake during competition. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it Spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players.
6. Show respect to your Teams' opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage Players to follow the rules and the Officials decision.
8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing Players, Coaches or Officials.

## EJFC PARENT'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. If children are interested, encourage them to participate. However if a Child is not willing, do not force him or her.
2. Focus on the Child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the game. This assists the Child in setting a realistic goal related to his/her ability by removing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach Children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage Children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a Child for making a mistake or losing a game.

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6. Remember that Children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all Teams.
7. If you disagree with an Official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels (via your Child's club who can then bring it to the attention of the ruling body) rather than question the Official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most Officials give their time and effort for your Child's involvement.
8. Support effort to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
9. Recognize the value and importance of volunteer Coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities and deserve your support

## EJFC PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Abide and play by the rules of the game and the rules set down by the Bendigo Junior Football League, your Club and Coach.
2. Never argue with an Official, do not question Officials and Umpires judgment and never question their honesty.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of Officials or other Players, deliberately distracting an opponent is not accepted or permitted in any other sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your Team's performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes. Your involvement is to play for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of it. Be a good sport, applaud all good play whether it be your Team, opponent or the other Team.
6. Treat all Players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Always conduct yourself in a manner that is expected of your Team mates, Club and Family.
7. Co-operate with your Coach and Team mates, and respect the ability of your opponent. Without them there would be no game.
8. Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of unsporting behaviour rather than make such incidents the "highlight" of the game.
9. Players must not assault or attempt to assault an umpire, another Player, Officials or Spectators.
10. Be proud to walk off the ground after each game knowing that you have given your best effort and never involve yourself in an argument with opposing Players, Umpires or Officials.

## Adherence to club policies

EJFC has also adopted a Member Protection Policy and a Communications Technology Policy. These are designed to ensure that all players, parents, coaches, club officials and spectators are aware of their rights and responsibilities toward others and aware of how others should behave in their various roles as part of the Club. These policies are available in hard copy upon request and on the club website at <http://eaglehawkjfc.vcfl.com.au> and must be adhered to and upheld by all members of the EJFC. Your registration as a member of the club is contingent upon your agreement to observe all club policies.

**Registration with the EJFC deems that Parents, Players & Spectators agree to adhere to the codes of conduct at all times.**