



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT – SEASON 2018

I, _____ agree to abide by the Glen Iris Junior Football Club Coaches Code of Conduct to the best of my ability. I understand that it is an integral component of my appointment. I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct that is in the best interests of the game and players/staff in my care.

I will:

1. Remember that young people participate in AFL for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun. Place winning in perspective.
2. Refrain from any personal abuse toward the players. This includes verbal, physical or emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards the players from other sources when they are in my care.
3. Be reasonable in my demands on players time, energy and enthusiasm having due consideration for their health and wellbeing, and other commitments such as family, school and social life. Set demands, goals and expectations at an attainable level.
4. Abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game, Glen Iris Junior Football Club (GIJFC) Rules and the Yarra Junior Football League Rules.
5. Ensure that time players spend with me is a positive experience, where learning and development are priorities. Ensure that activities are well planned, well structured and encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skills. Provide feedback in a caring manner, sensitive to their needs.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players. Strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time. Aim to maximise participation, learning and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability.
7. Always stress safety. Ensure that equipment, facilities, tasks and training meets safety standards and are appropriate to the age, experience, ability, physical and psychological conditions of the players. Recognise the importance of correct injury management. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Ensure injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.
8. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with AFL. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage all players to do the same. This includes congratulating the opponents after the game whether your team won or lost and accepting loss gracefully. Respect the facilities and equipment of the GIJFC and opposing clubs.
9. Maintain or improve my current Coaching Accreditation. Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.



10. Be aware of the power that coaches develop with their players in a coaching relationship. Remember that any physical contact with a player should be appropriate and necessary for the players' skill development.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, special ability/disability, cultural background, socio-economic status, religion or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
12. Shall not engage in aggressive recruitment of players. Aggressive recruitment is to be determined on the facts of each particular case. As a guide only, aggressive recruitment will be considered to have occurred where there is contact on more than one occasion with a player (parent/guardian) and/or inducement is offered to a player to change Club. (YVJFL)
13. Have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice activities and involvement in competition. The difference in physical and mental maturity can be quite marked in younger players of the same age group.
14. Reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Anti-doping policies. Support the Club policies and recommendations on drug use, smoking and responsible serving and use of alcohol.
15. I will provide a current police screening check in accordance with the Victorian Screening/Working with Children Check Policy.
16. I will provide all reports as required by the committee including weekly game reports and an end of season review for the year book.
17. At all times act as a role model that promotes the positive aspect of AFL and sport by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and projecting a favourable image of AFL and of coaching at all times.

I understand the failure to adhere to any elements of this Coaches Code of Conduct may lead to the termination of my appointment.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

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