



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that as an integral part of my role, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game and the players/staff in my care. In representing myself in an honest manner and without bringing the coaching profession or the game into disrepute, I will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of my ability:

1. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in the game, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
2. I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club and League/Association.
3. I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health and well-being.
4. I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
5. I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
6. Where I am responsible for players in the 5-12 year old age group, I will ensure that all players gain equal playing time, subject to their adherence to team/club rules, and the display of required levels of commitment and positive attitude/approach in keeping with the demands of a team sport.
7. I will avoid overplaying the talented players, aiming to maximize participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability.
8. I will stress and monitor safety always.
9. In recognizing the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek from the player concerned, or where deemed appropriate their parents or guardian, confirmation that a physician's advice concerning the return of seriously injured or ill players to training has been obtained and is being followed.
10. I will endeavour to keep informed with regard to sound principles of coaching and skill development, and to factors relating to the welfare of my players.
11. I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
12. I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
13. I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development as priorities are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
14. I reject the use of illegal performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL DRUG POLICY.

NAME OF COACH: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____