



## Coach Accreditation

### *Process for 2010 and beyond*

A principle that has been receiving increased attention and resources applied in the last year or so has been the necessity to ensure all AFL GSJ coaches are appropriately accredited.

**AFL Junior Policy** states, "All state & territory football bodies have a mandatory accreditation policy: coaches **MUST** complete an approved AFL coaching course if they are coaching children.

**AFL Greater Sydney Juniors Bylaws** states:

#### **Accreditation**

*22.1 All coaches officiating at AFLGSJ games must be accredited with AFL coaching certificates and be registered with AFLGSJ. It is expected that non-accredited coaches will attend and complete courses provided by the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission during the course of the year of registration. Non-accredited coaches may be unable to coach teams that participate in finals.*

In 2010 we will see an increased attention to both of these requirements. As the AFL has been able to start actively populating and tracking individuals with accreditation the cross referencing & reviewing each season will become a much easier task.

#### **The process for 2010**

To ensure that we capture all the necessary data from all those involved;

- Clubs will be required to provide essential information of all team coaches for all grades by April 30 ( failure to do so will mean teams will not play for points)
- The club list will be cross referenced to the accreditation list to determine the needs of all clubs
- Details of coaching accreditation courses will be provided early in the year
- Where there are unaccredited coaches the club will be invoiced in early May by AFL GSJ for courses to be completed by individuals
- Those individuals will be provided with options as to which course they attend
- Non completion will, where appropriate, result in provision 22.1 of the AFL GSJ bylaws to be invoked
- Any variance to these requirements can only be agreed to by AFL GSJ Board

It is imperative that we achieve our goal to ensure that we are giving our children the best possible opportunity and experience