



# AIRPORT WEST FOOTBALL CLUB

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## CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

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### 1. Expectations of Coaching Staff

#### *1.1 Preamble*

Through Airport West Football Club, we strive to teach and support our youth not only on the football field, but to be strong community citizens. To do this we are committed to modelling best behaviour, underpinned by our values set out in our Mission Statement.

#### *1.2 Equality of Opportunity*

The spirit of equity is that all players have the same opportunity to develop and enjoy their football. All juniors should have fun playing football at the same time as improving their skill, fitness and teamwork.

#### *1.3 Professional Conduct*

- We actively promote a positive atmosphere
- We address our players in a controlled and positive manner
- No offensive language or cultural, sexist or racist references will be tolerated
- Coaches are not to involve themselves in negative dialogue with the opposition, coaches, officials, players, spectators or umpires
- Coaches and team managers are responsible for the conduct of their officials, players and parents and should ensure that all behave in a responsible manner, actively respecting umpires and officials, in conjunction with match day officials
- Coaches are required to report to the committee, any official or spectator who they feel is behaving in a manner which is contrary to the ethos of our Club.

## 2. Coaches' Code of Conduct

- Abide by the laws and rules of the game
- Teach the rules of AFL (as set out on <http://www.afl.com.au/laws>)
- Group players to best care for their welfare
- Give all players equal opportunity to develop
- Maximise fun
- Maintain that we aim to do our best and be our best whether we win or lose
- Always stress safety first
- Consider maturity level of players
- Devise training programs to suit all
- Develop team respect – opponents, umpires, coaches and each other
- Keep up to date with coaching developments
- Attain Coaching Accreditation and regularly update knowledge and skills
- Always use appropriate, prosocial language

## 3. Officials' Code of Conduct

- Remember you are representing your club/league and setting an example to players and parents
- Try to resolve any conflict in a calm, sensible manner (wherever possible, do this in private)
- Be aware of potentially volatile situations at all times and be prepared to deal with them appropriately

## 4. Players' Code of Conduct

- Actively promote the encouragement of team mates
- Play by the laws and rules of AFL
- Do not argue
- Control your temper
- Be a team player
- Be a good sport
- Treat all players fairly as you would like to be treated
- Cooperate with coaches, team mates, opponents, officials and umpires
- Play for fun and improvement
- Respect and show appreciation to coaches and other volunteers

## 5. *Parents' and Spectators' Code of Conduct*

- Always encourage your child
- Encourage participation but do not force people
- Teach “striving to be our best - not necessarily the best”
- Encourage to always play by the rules and accept the umpire's decision at all times
- Never ridicule mistakes or yell at a child for making mistakes or losing
- Remember, players involvement is for their enjoyment, not yours
- Remember that children learn by example always encourage and applaud both teams
- Recognise positively the contribution of volunteer officials, coaches and administrators

- Never publicly disagree with officials. Raise issues privately
- Never interact with a player or official of any team in an abusive or threatening manner
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse and discrimination. Settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Support your club officials to foster high standards of behaviour for your club and the league
- If a Parent/Guardian has an issue they wish to raise with a Club Official, please do so in a manner consistent with Club policy as per section 10.2 Grievance procedures or 10.3 Issue Resolution Policy
- If a parent/spectator acts in a manner inconsistent with this code of conduct the Club reserves the right to take action against the parent/spectator as deemed appropriate