

Warrandyte Junior Football Club

“It’s all about the Kids”

Coaches Code of Conduct

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and abide by the policies, procedures and philosophies of the WJFC as well as the rules and policies of the YJFL. I will at all times reinforce WJFC expectations regarding appropriate behaviour and language of players and spectators.
- 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.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
- I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
- I will avoid overplaying the talented players aiming to maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability.
- I will stress and monitor safety always. In recognizing the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician’s advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training.
- I will endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play. I will endeavour at all times to ensure an acceptable atmosphere is maintained after each game by shaking hands with the opposition coach and encouraging players to do the same with their opponents. **I will make sure we are humble in victory and gracious in defeat.**
- I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators. This includes acknowledging that sometimes the opposition was just too good on the day and that no losses are blamed on poor umpiring.
- I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities that are not overshadowed by a desire to win.

I _____ hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold the above ‘codes of conduct’ whilst coaching at the Warrandyte Junior Football Club

Signed _____ Date _____