



## North Mandurah Junior Football Club

### Coaches Code of Conduct

*Adapted from the 2011 Junior Club Manual, developed by the Western Australian Football Commission*

- **It is imperative that Coaches understand BYLAW #1**

#### **BYLAW No 1 - SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN WA**

Every participant understands that Junior Football in Western Australia is delivered to the Community with the Spirit Of the Game in mind.

**It is incumbent on every participant, irrespective of their place in the game, to ensure that they will;**

- **Not focus on winning at all cost** and understand that the role of Junior Football is to foster the development of ALL Players, Volunteers, Umpires, Coaches and Officials. Learning to win and lose is part of the developmental journey of a participant but must remain secondary to the primary focus of junior player development.
- Maximize the enjoyment and development of ALL footballers.
- Provide our Children with a game environment that is safe, fun and fair.
- Ensure that the values which add to the spirit of our game, which include fairness, equality, respect and team work are encouraged and celebrated.
- Uphold, promote and protect the Rules, Laws, Codes, Policies and Spirit of the game.
- Not accept poor behaviors around our game and deter practices that undermine our games' environments (Coaching, Playing, Volunteering, Spectating and Umpiring).
- Adhere to any directive issued by the games controlling bodies in the best interests of achieving the above.

As a coach, I understand that as an integral component of my accreditation, I must maintain a standard of behavior and conduct in the best interests of the game and the Players/Staff in my care. Along with representing myself in an honest manner and without bringing the Coaching Profession or the Game into disrepute, I will endeavor 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 Australian Football, 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, District 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 be supportive at all times and 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 schedule, practice activities and involvement in competition.
6. I will avoid overplaying the more talented players aiming to maximize participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability. Where I am responsible for players in the Year 4-12 age group, I will strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time.
7. I will monitor and encourage safety always.
8. In recognizing the significance of injury and sickness, I will follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training.
9. I will endeavor to keep informed regarding sound principles of Coaching and Skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
10. I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behavior, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
11. I will display and foster respect for Umpires, Opponents, Coaches, Administrators, other Officials, Parents and Spectators.
12. I will ensure that Players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities and are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
13. I reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Drug Policy.

**Coach of North Mandurah Junior Football Club Team :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_