



North Mandurah Junior Football Club

Parent's & Spectators Code of Conduct

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

• 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.

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- Encourage children to participate, if they are interested.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognize the value and importance of Volunteer Coaches, Managers and helpers.
- Remember that Children play organized sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form be it by Spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the Umpire's decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language, harassing Players, Coaches, Umpires or Volunteers.

Action to be taken by Team/Club Officials in the event of unfavorable behaviour

- When first recognized the Parent/Spectator will be approached and asked to refrain from the identified behavior.
- If the action continues the Parent/Spectator will be asked to leave the venue.
- If the Parent/Caregiver refuses the Player noted below will be interchanged/substituted

Players Name

Parent/Carers Signature

Date: _____