

MAGPIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



CODE OF CONDUCT

COACHES

Junior Australian Football is a team sport focused on development opportunities for today's youth. You have the responsibility for supporting, encouraging, training and directing your players within the spirit of the game. Our code is one of sportsmanship, individual and team skills and character development. Your part is crucial to the achievement of these aims. It is your responsibility to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which our players can achieve their individual and team objectives.

Coaches should:

- Achieve a suitable level of coaching standard and always focus on players' personal and skills development within the team environment;
- Develop players' respect for the rules and umpires and ensure they conduct themselves fairly and responsibly;
- Set a good example for all players;
- Do not tolerate lack of sportsmanship, particularly bad language and violent behaviour;
- Be positive to your players and treat them equally and with respect;
- Develop respect in your players for the opposition players and team management;
- Focus on all players in your group irrespective of talent;
- Never ridicule or yell at a player or the team for making mistakes or losing the game; out of every negative there is a positive;
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, enthusiasm and energy;
- Keep winning in perspective: maximise players' participation because they participate for fun and enjoyment;
- Stress safety always: ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the age and ability level of the participants;
- Recognise the importance of recovery from injury; seek and follow medical advice concerning the return of injured players to training or competition.

