

# MAGPIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### PARENTS/SPECTATORS

Junior Australian Football would not be possible without the willing commitment of many volunteer officials and parents. We encourage all players to participate with positive enthusiasm, encouraging at all times true sportsmanship within the spirit of the game. Your support is an important element of the game and has a distinct influence on the way the game is played.

#### **Parents and spectators should:**

- Understand that team sport is an important physical and character development opportunity for your children. Your positive support will provide the environment in which to achieve these benefits;
- Always support not only your child, but players of both teams in a positive manner;
- Encourage players to participate, do not force them; remember many gifted young sportspeople have dropped out due to those close to them pushing too hard for success;
- Never abuse the players, team officials or other supporters - acknowledge and applaud good play by players of both teams. Discourage racial abuse;
- Set a good example and encourage players to follow the rules and observe and support umpires/officials decisions;
- Be positive with your child after the match no matter what the result;
- Realise that bad behaviour on your part can lead to bad behaviour and violence on the field;
- Condemn the use of violence in any form whether by spectators, coaches, officials or players;
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches; without them your child could not participate;
- Ensure arrangements are in place for the players transport to and from games and training;
- Remember that the players play sport for their enjoyment, not yours;
- Keep winning in perspective.

