

TRUE SPORT – COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL INFORMATION

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POLICY BACKGROUND

The major objective of Junior & Youth Football is to provide an opportunity for all children to play Australian Football in a safe environment designed to maximise the acquisition of skill and provide enjoyment. The True Sport Codes of Conduct, if followed by all people involved in our game, should ensure the fulfilment of this important objective.

This True Sport Coaches Code of Conduct is to be signed and adhered to as part of the accreditation requirements of the AFL & WAFC. Coaches should be aware that, in addition to this Code, they may be obliged to sign a further Code of Conduct/Ethics with their Club and/or League or State Sports Association.

RULES

1. SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL	
1a	ALL coaches must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football' .
2. #HAVEFUN	
2a	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.
3. #BESAFE	
3a	Be supportive at all times and refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in your care.
3b	Stress and monitor safety always.
3c	In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, you will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured, concussed or ill players to training.
3d	Keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of your players.
4. #BEHEALTHLY	
4a	Be reasonable in the demands you make on the time commitments of the players in your care, having due consideration for their health and well-being.
4b	Have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of your players when designing practice schedule, practice activities and involvement in competition.
5. #PLAYFAIR	
5a	Abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of your Club, District and League/Association.
5b	Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour at all times, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play.
5c	Reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Drug Policy.
6. #SHOWRESPECT	
6a	Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.

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7. #INCLUDEALL	
7a	Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of your involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
7b	Avoid overplaying the talented players aiming to maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability. When responsible for players in the 5-18-year-old age group, strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations