FITZROY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

CULTURAL FRAMEWORK – 2026 (ADULTS)

Fitzroy Junior Football Club (FJFC) asks players and parents / guardians of players to read this Cultural Framework Document and sign the Code of Conduct below.

THE FOOTBALL CULTURE WE WANT	HOW WE ACHIEVE THIS
1. SAFE 	• Think about and proactively protect the health, safety and well-being of all participants. • Ensure that the health, safety and well-being of children are prioritised over competing considerations. • If you have a concern, talk about it. • If you believe another person has behaved unacceptably, inform your coach or team manager. • If you or your child feel unsafe, talk to your coach or team manager . If the problem is not resolved, then please approach the FJFC Committee.
2. ENJOYABLE AND INCLUSIVE 	• Be mindful that players play for fun and improvement. • Acknowledge player and team effort. • Prioritise player and team development over winning. • Value and develop all participants, regardless of gender, age, ability or cultural background. • Help establish a sense of belonging and connection in players and Club members.
3. RESPECT **A) OF UMPIRES** 	• Accept umpires' decisions, even if you do not agree with them. Do not question, correct, shout or use negative body language. • Do not post negative comments about umpires or umpiring decisions on social media or messaging apps.
B) OF THE OPPOSITION 	• Encourage that players always shake hands after the game. • Do not participate in physical or verbal disputes. • Do not post negative comments about the opposition on social media or messaging apps.
C) OF YOUR COACHES, YOUR OFFICIALS, YOUR TEAM AND THE FJFC 	• Assist players to turn up to training and games on-time and ready to do their best. • Encourage players to listen, engage, communicate and to do their best to follow requests made by coaches and officials. • If your child is unable to train or play, let the team know at the earliest opportunity. • Do not participate in physical or verbal disputes. • Do not post negative comments about coaches, officials, teams or the FJFC on social media or messaging apps. • Take care of club rooms and playing equipment.
4. TEAM SPIRITED, SPORTING AND FAIR 	• Prioritise the success of the team over the individual. • Encourage your child to play within the rules and the spirit of the game. • Manage negative emotions. • Acknowledge good play by others.
5. CONTINUOUS IMPROVING 	• Raise issues with your team manager and not raise any issues with the Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL) without first contacting your team manager or the FJFC Committee at conduct@fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au. Where my contact with the YJFL results in a fine, it may be payable by me.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

I/we will:

- remember that safety is the number one priority for all involved.
- read the Club's Child Safety Policy and promote child safety.
- encourage my child's participation but not force them to play.
- encourage my child to play by the rules of the game.
- support all players, not just my own child.
- teach that honest effort is the victory, not the winning.
- never ridicule mistakes or losses.
- remember that involvement is for my child's enjoyment, not mine.
- remember that children learn best by example. Applaud both teams.
- remember that language matters and encourage players do their best by being positive and supportive.
- manage my emotions and not engage verbally or physically with opposition players, supporters, coaches, officials, or umpires.
- recognise the contribution of voluntary officials.
- not publicly challenge decisions made by umpires or club officials, instead raise issues with the coach, team manager or an FJFC committee member.
- support all efforts to prevent physical, verbal or racial abuse, offline and online.
- support all inclusive culture and avoid remarks based on appearance, race, gender, disability, cultural background or sexual orientation.
- support officials to establish high behavioural standards for our club.
- be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- raise issues with my team manager and not raise any issues with the Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL) without first contacting my team manager or the FJFC Committee at conduct@fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au. Where my contact with the YJFL results in a fine, it may be payable by me.

I have read, understood and will comply with the FJFC Cultural Framework (including this Parent Code of Conduct) when attending training or Fitzroy Junior Football Club games or events.

Parent/ Guardian:

Signature:

Date: