



## FJFC - Coaches Code of Conduct

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any practices or language which is discriminatory on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, gender or special ability/disability.
- I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and abide by the policies, procedures and philosophies of the FJFC as well as the rules and policies of the YJFL. I will at all times reinforce FJFC expectations regarding appropriate behaviour and language of players, parents and spectators.
- I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the players in my care, having due consideration for their health, well-being and available time.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
- I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
- I will strive to maximize participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability, within the bounds of team balance and harmony.
- I will monitor and demonstrate a commitment to player welfare and safety always. In recognizing the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow expert medical and other professional advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training and competition.
- I will seek to keep informed and use all available resources regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play. I will endeavour at all times to ensure an acceptable atmosphere is maintained after each game by shaking hands with the opposition coach and encouraging players to do the same with their opponents. I will seek to demonstrate we are humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators. This includes acknowledging that sometimes the opposition was just too good on the day and that no losses are blamed on poor umpiring.
- I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are balanced with commitment to success and a desire to win.
- I have read the Club's Child Safety policy and commit to promoting Child Safety. I will seek to understand the cultural background of my players and promote the cultural safety particularly of any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players.
- I will always recognize that my team is part of the wider FJFC and will work constructively and collaboratively with other FJFC coaches, particularly within my team's age group.

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold the above 'Code of Conduct' whilst coaching at the Fitzroy Junior Football Club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_