

# CODES OF CONDUCT



## COACHES

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- Help each person (athlete, official etc.) reach their potential – respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented
- Be reasonable in your demands on younger player's time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach your players to abide by the rules and Laws of the Game
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and is appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of the players
- Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the Match Official
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and Match Play
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria)
- Take time out to teach players and others the Laws of the Game, hence raising awareness
- Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times
- Ensure that players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every Match
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the bench, technical area or sideline
- Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception that others take away with them



## PARENTS & SPECTATORS

- Encourage children to participate and have fun
  - Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing
  - Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Please remember:
- Children learn by example
  - Fair play is in the game's best interest. Applaud and encourage all game play
  - Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
  - Respect and support the decisions made by the match officials, coaches, club officials and administrators and instruct your children to do likewise
  - Support all efforts to remove racial vilification and any other behaviour that will degrade the game
  - Raise any issues through the correct channels: Club, FFV, Tribunal and Discipline Department or Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
  - Limit alcohol consumption near the technical area or sideline (Alcohol is not permitted at any junior games)
  - Smoking is banned outdoors within ten metres of sporting venues during junior events. Smoking is completely banned at the Shepparton Sports Complex Facility