



FERNTREE GULLY EAGLES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

MANDATORY & ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS, VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement. All coaches must be accredited to coach in our league. The key points in the Coaches code of conduct include:

- Maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game and the players/staff in their care.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of your involvement in football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- Abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the game and the rules of your club and league/association.
- 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.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in your care.
- Have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of your players when designing practice activities and involvement in competition.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players, aiming to maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability.
- Stress and monitor safety always.
- Seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training.
- Keep informed with regard to sound principals of coaching and skill development, and to factors relating to the welfare of your players.
- At all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play.
- Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- Ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development as priorities are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
- Reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL DRUG POLICY.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules . the rules of your club and the laws of the game
- Never argue with an umpire or other official . without these people you can't play football
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games
- Never argue with an umpire or official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach.
- Be a team player . It's a team game, treat it that way
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated - fairly
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability . you'd let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do . & many such comments are actually now illegal

PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SUPPORTERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game
 - Remember that children play sport for enjoyment, not yours
 - Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
 - Encourage participation, but don't force it
 - Remember that children learn best by example . applaud the efforts of all players in both teams
 - Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
 - Never ridicule mistakes or losses . supporters are there to support not downgrade
 - Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators . physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated
 - Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time
 - Never publicly criticise umpires . raise personal concerns with club officials in private
 - Respect umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise
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 - Remember that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport.
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By registering your child or accepting a position within the *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* structure you agree to abide by these principles. You also support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.

Policy Commencement:

This Policy was accepted and passed with ~~no~~ objections by the *Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club* General Committee Meeting held in February 2008, and will take effect as from 1 March 2008.

The Policy will be monitored annually by the Club's General Committee.

The Code of Conduct and any disciplinary action arising is also outlined in the Club Constitution and By-Laws.



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(print name)

SIGNATURE:o o o o o o o o o o o o ..o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o ..

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: o o ..o o o o .. o o o o o o o o o o o o o ..
(print name)

SIGNATURE: o o o o o o o o o o o o ..o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o ..

DATE: ____ / ____ / 20 ____

**Ferntree Gully Eagles Junior Football Club
Executive and General Committee**