

# WHITTLESEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### **EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS, PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS**

The following Code of Conduct applies to all committee members, officials, players, and supporters of Whittlesea Junior Football Club. The Code of Conduct sets the minimum standards of conduct for those participating in club activities both on and off the Field.

### **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game
- Never argue with coaches, team mates, opposition, an umpire or other officials
- Control your temper - you will gain real respect
- Be a team player – teams win games, not individuals
- Treat all players fairly - as you would like to be treated
- Work with your coach, the umpires and team-mates - not against them
- Play for fun and to improve your skills
- Don't lower yourself, your coach, your parents or your team by making any remarks based on race, gender or appearance.

### **PARENTS, SUPPORTERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game
- Encourage participation, but don't force it
- Teach that honest effort is the victory, not the winning
- Never ridicule mistakes or defeats – you will destroy confidence very quickly
- Leave playing instructions to the coach's prior to and during matches
- Leave an area of 5 meters each side of the coach's box clear during games
- Parents and spectators must not enter the playing field whilst a match is in progress for any reason – even if your child is injured – Allow the medics to do what they are trained to do.
- 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 coaches, officials or umpires – raise concerns calmly in private
- Lead the way in stamping out all racial, verbal or physical abuse
- Abstain from the use of vulgar and abusive language. It sets a very bad example for the children
- Alcohol consumption is not permitted when a junior football match is in progress - also drunken abusive parents or supporters sets a bad example for the children and reflects poorly on the club as a whole
- Smoking on the grounds by officials at any time is not permitted and will incur fines - WJFC advocates a smoke free zone around the children - this includes all indoor areas, any purpose built spectator viewing areas and playing areas.

By registering our children with the WJFC we agree to abide by these principles. We support the Club in its undertakings and accept the Club will take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted, of any players and or parents and spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.