

# ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby commit, to uphold the Eltham Junior Football Club's coaches code of conduct. I understand that as an integral component of my appointment, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the Club, the game and the players and others in my care. In representing myself in an honest manner, and without bringing the Club, coaching or the Game into disrepute, I will uphold the following principles:

1. I will abide by the policies and procedures of the Eltham Junior Football Club and the rules of the Northern Football League
2. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Rules Football. I will refrain from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability
3. I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health and well-being
4. I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care
5. I will consent to a police screening check in accordance with Victoria Police Screening/Check Policy
6. I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition
7. I will as far as practical maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability. Where I am responsible for players up to and including the under 12 year old age group, I will strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time
8. I will stress and monitor safety always
9. In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow registered trainers and any professional medical advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training and or games as applicable
10. I will ensure as far as practical that all players participate in general warm-up and warm-down sessions for a minimum of five minutes prior to and after training and matches.
11. I will keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players and commit to attaining level 1 coaching accreditation as a minimum during the course of this year
12. I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play and teach the AFL Laws of the Game
13. I will demonstrate respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators
14. I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win
15. Where my team is in an age group with more than one team all teams will train together as far as reasonable
16. I will ensure that a minimum of 20 minutes of each training session is devoted to improving skills on the non preferred side of the body for all players
17. Teams I coach will participate in at least two training sessions with teams from age groups directly higher and lower than my team, e.g. for U/15's – U/15 & U/17, U/15 & U/14
18. I reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and support the Club's policies and recommendations on drug use, no smoking and responsible use of alcohol

I understand that failure to adhere to any elements of this code may lead to the termination of my appointment.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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