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CODE OF CONDUCT

The Eastlakes MCUJFNC endeavours to teach and support our junior players not only on the football field, but also in their daily lives. To do this we need to be committed to modelling the types of behaviour and qualities we espouse.

This Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the AFL Riverina Code of Conduct on our website. Any failures to adhere to this Code of Conduct within the club will be referred to the next committee meeting for consideration. Serious breaches of the Code may result in expulsion from the club.

Coaches Code of Conduct

Abide by the Laws of the Game, Rules of the Club and League:

- Teach the Rules.
- Rules are mutual agreements that nobody should break.
- Coaches are not permitted to contact the Wagga and District Junior Australian Football Management Committee or the NSW AFL directly. All matters must be referred to the President/Secretary for referral by an authorised person.

Place winning in perspective:

- Stress safety always.
- Consider maturity levels.
- Devise training programs to suit all.
- Group players competitively.
- Avoid overplaying talented players.
- Maximise fun.

Develop team respect:

- For opponents, umpires and coaches.
- Recognise the importance of proper injury treatment.
- Keep up to date with coaching developments.
- Attain coaching accreditation and update regularly.
- Avoid derogatory language.

Officials Code of Conduct

- Remember you are representing your club / league and setting an example to your players / parents.
- Try to resolve any conflict in a calm, sensible manner (when possible in private).
- Be aware of potential volatile situations at all times and be prepared to deal with them appropriately.

Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the laws and rules.
- Don't argue.
- Control your temper.
- Do not make unwarranted contact in an aggressive manner with other players.
- Be a team player.



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- Be a good sport.
- Treat all players fairly, and as you would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, opponents and officials.
- Play for fun and improvement.
- Avoid any remarks based on race or gender.

Spectators and/or Parents Code of Conduct

- Encourage children to participate if they are interested, do not force participation upon them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and self-esteem, not on whether they win or lose.
- Teach that honest effort is the victory, not the winning.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules of the game and accept the umpire's decision at all times.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or if their team loses a game.
- Respect umpiring decisions and teach children to do likewise. Never berate or heckle umpires/officials. If you disagree with an official (umpires, etc.), raise the matter with a committee member rather than questioning his/her judgement and honesty in public.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, administrators and official's – without whom your child could not participate.
- Remember that our children play sports for fun. They are playing for their enjoyment, not for the entertainment of spectators, nor are they professionals.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal, racial and physical abuse and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- As a parent, demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Players have the right to be proud of their parent's behaviour.
- Support your club officials to foster high standards of behaviour for you club and the league.
- Under no circumstances will the club tolerate spectators and/or parents entering the field during a game unless permitted by the coach or another authorised club representative.
- Under no circumstances will the club tolerate spectators and/or parents taking matters into their own hands by approaching coaches, players or people in our club or an opposition club in an aggressive manner. All such matters must be directed to the President/Secretary or Ground Manager.
- Spectators and/or parents are not permitted to contact the Wagga and District Junior Australian Football Management Committee or the NSW AFL directly. All matters must be referred to the President/Secretary for referral by an authorised person.

Please note: The club is blessed to have experienced and qualified coaches engaged in all aged divisions. These coaches are volunteers and spend a lot of their own time training and developing the players. The club supports all their coaches and will not tolerate any spectator and/or parent approaching a coach in an aggressive manner either at training or on game days. Should this occur it will be deemed a serious violation of the Code of Conduct and the Club will consider immediate expulsion of any relevant player.

Signature of Player (10 years & over)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date