

Codes of Conduct

South East Juniors is justifiably proud of the long history that Australian Football has played within this State since the mid-nineteenth century. The past 150 years have witnessed significant achievements and created lifelong memories for hundreds of thousands of people. To ensure that Australian Football plays a significant part of our future for the next 150 years we need to be smarter about the way we preserve the traditions and values of our game.

One of the critical components of our game is the passion that people show for the team and club that they support. Whilst this passion is usually harnessed and used to support our game, it sometimes can boil over to create negative situations. We must all work together in the attempt to eliminate this negative passion.

Codes of Conduct are an integral component of sporting activities and the following codes compliment the good work of many football bodies over several years and the Australian Sports Commission requirement.

All Members of South East Juniors shall adopt Member specific codes and South East Juniors encourages Members to be vigilant in enforcing such codes whether via support for those who constantly abide by the codes and/or harsh penalties for those who fail to act in accordance with the codes.

Mandatory and Enforceable Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Parents, Supporters and Officials

South East Juniors fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL and AFL Victoria.

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.

Player's 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.
- 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'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal.

Parents and Supporters Code of Conduct

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- 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.
- Do not use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do – and many such comments are actually now illegal.

By registering our child with South East Juniors we agree to abide by these principles. We 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.
