

SOUTH PERTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

CODES OF CONDUCT (Rev 1/10/2018)



The major objective of Junior Football is to provide an opportunity for all children to play Australian Football in a safe environment designed to maximise the acquisition of skill and provide enjoyment (Fun). The following True Sport Codes of Conduct, if followed by all people involved in our junior game, should ensure the fulfilment of this important objective. The West Australian Football Commission strongly advises that all persons involved be issued with copies of the appropriate True Sport code of conduct. WA Football supports acts of sportsmanship (hand shaking etc) between players, coaches, administrators, umpires etc.

True Sport

True Sport is an initiative by the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries that supports local sporting clubs and associations to use eight values to share the benefits of sport and recreation to our whole community. After consulting with members of the sporting industry, it is apparent that what people believe that strong community values are an important part of having a positive sporting experience in our State.

True Sport is the sport we want. Good sport can make a huge difference to our community and it is important to help sports work together to share this message through using a common language that everyone understands.

True Sport's eight values should be part of everyday life both on and off the field. By embracing these values, teams, clubs, participants and officials can work together to create fun, fair and safe environments for one and all to participate in sporting activities.

The eight True Sport Values are:

- Have Fun
- Be Safe
- Give Back
- Be Healthy
- Play Fair
- Bring Your Best
- Show Respect
- Include All

RED FLAG – Game Environment Filter

The WA Football Industry recently indicated that providing a positive and safe game day environment is the most important factor to the success¹ of football and therefore protecting and enhancing our Game Environment will always be a strategic focus.

The RED FLAG reporting tool is vital in monitoring and recording the standard of the environment and the spirit in which they are played in all segments of the game. The Red Flag system has been developed whereby key football stakeholders are able to identify and bring to the attention of governing bodies any undesirable behaviours and actions that may breach any of the Codes of Conduct or By-Law 1 "The Spirit of Junior Football". This is vital to allow the WAFC to track, record and address any negative behaviours

The Red Flag notification is completed online. Issues that are flagged that require official intervention will be overseen by the WAFC Participation Manager in consultation with the specific League Officials and WAFC District/Regional Staff. The Red Flag filter will apply to everyone involved in Football from coaches, spectators, and players to volunteers and Club Administrators.

Who has access to Red Flag?

- WAFC Staff
- Competition Officials
- Club Presidents

What should be Red Flagged?

- Any person displaying behaviour seen as negatively influencing the game day environment or development/enjoyment of players playing the game.
- Any person who is sent to a Tribunal or suspended via the prescribed penalty system. Once a person is red flagged an investigation into the behaviour will be triggered.

Please contact the WAFC Manager Participation & Engagement, Josh Bowler to secure your access to the Reporting Link.

ADMINISTRATOR'S AND VOLUNTEERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand and adhere to **BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'**.
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or ethnic origin. **#IncludeAll**
- Actively promote Positive Game Day Environments with Junior Football and the importance of E-Point structures to the game. **#ShowRespect**
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children. **#BeSafe**
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique. **#BeSafe**
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment and play down the importance of rewards. **#HaveFun**
- Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique. **#BeSafe**
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, trainers and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play. **#PlayFair**
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs. **#BeSafe**
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents. **#ShowRespect**
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment. **#HaveFun**
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour. **#ShowRespect**
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children. **#BeHealthy**
- Ensure promotion, well-being and safety of umpires and encourage good sportsmanship before, during and after matches. **#ShowRespect**
- Ensure positive player/umpire relationships are continually developed. **#ShowRespect**

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

It is imperative that coaches understand and adhere to **BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'**.

As a coach, I understand that as an integral component of my accreditation, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game and the players/staff in my care.

In representing myself in an honest manner, and without bringing the coaching profession or the Game into disrepute, I promote the eight values of True Sport and I will uphold the following to the best of my ability:

1. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability. **#IncludeAll**
2. I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club, District and League/Association. **#PlayFair**
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. **#BeHealthy**
4. I will be supportive at all times and I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care. **#BeSafe**
5. I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedule, practice activities and involvement in competition. **#BeHealthy**
6. I will avoid overplaying the talented players aiming to maximise participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability. Where I am responsible for players in the 5-18 year old age group, I will strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time. **#IncludeAll**
7. I will stress and monitor safety always. **#BeSafe**
8. In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured, concussed or ill players to training. **#BeSafe**
9. I will keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players. **#BeSafe**
10. I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play. **#PlayFair**
11. I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators. **#ShowRespect**
12. I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities and are not overshadowed by a desire to win. **#HaveFun**
13. I reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Drug Policy. **#PlayFair**

Note: This "True Sport Coaches Code of Conduct" is to be signed and adhered to as part of the accreditation requirements of the AFL & WAFC. Coaches should be aware that, in addition to this Code, they may be obliged to sign a further Code of Conduct/Ethics with their Club and/or League or State Sports Association (WAFC).

PARENT'S & SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand and adhere to **BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'**.
- Encourage children to participate in Sport and have fun. Although remember this is about their ambition, and not yours. **#HaveFun**
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules. **#PlayFair**
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. **#ShowRespect**
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams. **#ShowRespect**
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public. **#ShowRespect**
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. **#ShowRespect**
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, managers and helpers. Put your hand up to volunteer yourself. **#GiveBack**
- Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators, nor are they are not mini adults. Let them have fun and enjoy their junior sport experience. **#HaveFun**
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players. **#ShowRespect**
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the umpire's decisions. **#PlayFair**

- Encourage your child to play multiple sports – they do not need to specialise and play one sport all year round. **#BeHealthy**
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not swearing, using derogatory language, harassing players, coaches, umpires or volunteers. **#ShowRespect**

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand and adhere to **BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'**.
- Play by the rules. **#PlayFair**
- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches. **#HaveFun**
- Never argue with an umpire or an official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach or teacher after the game. **#ShowRespect**
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or provoking an opponent is not acceptable. **#ShowRespect**
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you. **#BringYourBest**
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team, opponent or the other team. **#PlayFair**
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another teammate or player. **#ShowRespect**
- Cooperate with and support your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would no competition. **#IncludeAll**
- Avoid using derogatory language or swearing. **#ShowRespect**
- Be prepared to take responsibility for your actions. **#PlayFair**

RUNNER'S/WATER STEWARDS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand and adhere to **BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'**.
- The runner SHOULD BE AN ADULT. **#GiveBack**
- The runner must be clearly identified. **#BeSafe**
- The runner's name must be entered on team sheets. **#BeSafe**
- No abusive language or swearing. **#ShowRespect**
- Support the decision of the umpires at all times and never question decisions. **#ShowRespect**
- Deliver message/water and leave the ground immediately. Your role is not to coach or direct players. Do not remain on the ground. The game is for the kids, not you. **#ShowRespect**

UMPIRE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand and adhere to **BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'**.
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs. **#BeSafe**
- Compliment all participants on their efforts. **#BringYourBest**
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions. **#ShowRespect**
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents. **#ShowRespect**
- Ensure that the "spirit of the game" for children is not lost by using common sense and not over emphasizing errors. **#HaveFun**
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment. **#HaveFun**
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour. Actions speak louder than words. **#PlayFair**
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children. **#BeSafe**
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender. **#ShowRespect**