



# CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

## WALLAROO FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club Code of Conduct applies to all players, officials, volunteers, members and supporters of our club.

### 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 or working toward being accredited to coach at our club.

### JUNIOR COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Group players according to age, height, skill and physical maturity whenever possible.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only a small part. Be generous with your praise.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into consideration the age group of the players.
- Encourage players to respect the ability of opponents, and the judgement of umpires, and to value the contributions of umpires.
- Teach fundamental rules and techniques and have players experience a variety of positions.
- Have a valid and current National Police Clearance.

### PLAYERS 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 of other players will not be tolerated
- 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 and to improve your skills
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability, many such comments are now illegal

### PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to collect their child from training sessions promptly.
- Remember that children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment.
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory.
- Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Be a good role model.

## 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 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
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability, many such comments are actually now illegal

### Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

### Signature

Signed: *Chris Johns*

Position: PRESIDENT

Date: 25 April 2019

Signed: *Janet Errington*

Position: SECRETARY

Date: 25 April 2019

Next policy review date is: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020