



COACH

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Uphold the integrity of the game of Rugby League at all times.
- Always act in a sportsmanlike manner, respecting opposition players, team and club officials and spectators.
- Make decisions in the best interests of the game of Rugby League.
- Place the safety and welfare of players as the top priority.
- Accept responsibility for all decisions made.
- Actively discourage foul play and/or unsportsmanlike behaviour by players.
- Seek to maximise the participation and enjoyment of all players regardless of ability, avoid the tendency to over-use a talented player, treat all players as equals, regardless of their talent.
- Show concern and caution towards all sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician and/or sports trainer to the letter when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or playing.
- Teach players that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.
- Maintain appropriate, professional relationships with players at all times.
- Maintain a thorough knowledge of the Laws of the Game and keep abreast of current coaching methods, maintain or improve your current accreditation level.
- Always consider the health, safety and welfare of the players.
- Teach young players to realise that there is a big gap between their play and the professional game; do not coach them as if they are professionals.
- Ensure that your coaching reflects the level of the competition being played, do not be a “win it at all costs” coach.
- As a coach, conduct yourself at all times in a manner, and in all situations, that shows leadership, respect for the game of Rugby League and respect for all those that are involved in the game – the players, officials, the fans, the parents, the referees and the media.

- Remember that junior players participate for pleasure and mateship. Your coaching should create a positive environment that is fun, safe, and inclusive.
- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Respect the Referee's decisions – don't complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- Remember that all participants are involved in the game of Rugby League for their own enjoyment, not yours!
- At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other duty officials.
- Never arrive at a Junior League game under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a Junior League game and only drink alcohol, if it is available, in a responsible manner in the designated licensed area.

No person(s) attending a match, function, or Club related event or activity shall:

- Use offensive or obscene language to any participant.
- Enter the field of play or playing area during the course of, or following a match without the prior approval of the Ground Manager or official appointed by the home Club and/or League.
- Excessively dispute the decision of a Referee or Touch Judge either during or after a match.

- Assault, or act with aggression, to any person/s.
- Behave in a way contrary to the Code of Conduct and/or the spirit of the game.
- Behave in a way which disturbs the enjoyment of a match, function, activity or event by any person/s, or brings discredit to any Club, League or the game.
- Act in such a way as to exhibit racial, sexual, religious or gender intolerance by language or other conduct, to any person/s.
- Refuse to accept the reasonable direction of the Ground Manager, official of the team/ Club which that person is supporting, or official of the home Club and/or League.
- No person/s may make comment or take actions that bring discredit to any person, Club or league through any social media outlet.

Our Beliefs

We are inclusive

- Engaging and empowering everyone to feel welcome in our game.
- Reaching out to new participants and supporters.
- Promoting equality of opportunity in all its forms.
- Respecting and celebrating diversity in culture, gender, sexuality and social background.
- The ability to see opportunities in the face of adversity.

We are positive

- The willingness to stand up for our beliefs and empowering others to do the same.
- The commitment to stand up and be recognised as a brand ambassador.
- The tenacity to do something despite how hard it is or how long it takes to achieve.

We are united

- Recognising and respecting our differences in the pursuit of achieving a common goal.

- Putting the game ahead of individual needs and personal agenda.
- Be a source of motivation and support to those around me.
- Commitment to a culture of respect, honesty, and trust

We are disciplined

- Say what we are going to do and do what we say.
- Have the strength to make the right decisions, placing facts ahead of emotion.
- Take responsibility for your own actions and the impact they have on others and the wider game
- Champion processes, procedures, and the governing principles of the game.