



Benalla and District Junior Football Coaches Code of Conduct

1. Be familiar with the laws of Australian football and abide by the rules and conditions of your league and club.
2. Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no player should evade or break.
3. Group players according to age, height, skill and physical maturity whenever possible in any competitive practice session.
4. Avoid over-playing the talented players. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time, if not more.
5. Remember that the players involved play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Emphasise the importance of the learning and development of skills and positive attitudes. Never ridicule or yell at your players for making mistakes or losing a competition.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of the players.
7. The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into consideration the maturity level of the player.
8. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a qualified person when determining when an injured player is ready to play or train again, if there is any doubt a player has been concussed, they should take no further part in the game or training.
10. As a coach, make a concerted effort to keep informed of sound junior coaching principles and developments.
11. Avoid use of derogatory language, support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior sporting activities.
12. Have a Working With Children Check carried out and record your card number and expiry date with the club.
13. If you disagree with an official or umpire, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's or Umpires judgment and honesty in public and in the heat

of the moment. Remember, officials & umpires give their time and effort due to a love of the game and to assist with junior development.

14. Teach your players that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
15. Remember your players learn best by example. Applaud good play by both your team and by members of the opposing team.
16. Any person charged by the tribunal shall be responsible for all and any AFLNEB / W&DJFL fines if found guilty.