



**Prahran Junior Football Club**

## **CODES OF CONDUCT**

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## ***MANDATORY & ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS (AFL Victoria Regulations 5.1.4(b))***

The Pahran Junior Football Club fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL and AFL Victoria.

### **1. Coaches Code of Conduct**

- Sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement.
- Be accredited to coach in the SMJFL.
- Participate in PJFC activities to keep up to date with coaching developments.
- Abide by and teach the rules of the AFL, the SMJFL and PJFC.
- Develop team respect for opponents, umpires and coaches.
- Devise training programs to suit all skill and maturity levels.
- Maximise fun – place winning in perspective, especially in U9s and U10s.
- Always address players in a controlled and positive manner.
- Avoid derogatory language based on gender, race or religion.
- Avoid negative dialogue with opposition coaches, officials, players, spectators or umpires.
- Avoid overplaying talented players and giving limited game time to the same players each week – endeavour to give each player a fair and equitable amount of game time throughout the course of the season, keeping in mind player numbers, a player's attitude and attendance at training.
- Recognise the importance of proper injury treatment and stress safety always.
- Together with Team Managers, maintain responsibility for the conduct of officials, players and parents and ensure that all behave in a responsible manner.
- Obtain a Working With Children Check.



### 2. 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 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 and 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 – and many such comments are actually now illegal.

### 3. Parents & Supporters Code of Conduct

- Remember that children participate in sport for **their** enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not coerce them.
- Provide a positive focus on the children's efforts and performance rather than on winning or losing.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- Remember that children learn best by example.
- Appreciate good performances and skills shown by all players from home and opposition teams – never ridicule mistakes or losses.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from on and off-field activities – this will not be tolerated.
- Respect officials' and umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every child regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



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- Show appreciation and be courteous to PJFC coaches, officials, team managers, administrators and fellow parents. Without them children could not participate.

#### **4. Team Managers & Club Officials Code of Conduct**

- Represent PJFC with pride, behave responsibly and set an example to players and parents.
- Maintain responsibility for the conduct of players, other officials and parents and ensure that all behave in a responsible manner, accepting the decisions of umpires and officials.
- Avoid derogatory language based on gender, race or religion.
- Endeavour to resolve any conflict in a calm and sensible manner (when possible in private).
- Obtain a Working With Children Check.