

AFL COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

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hereby commit to the best of my ability, to uphold the following requirements of the AFL Coaches' Code of Conduct whilst representing myself and the Australian Football League (AFL).

I understand that as an integral component of my AFL National Coaching Accreditation, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the sport of Australian football and the players and/or staff in my care.

By signing this Code of Conduct, I understand and agree that:

1. I will respect all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian football, and will refrain from any discriminatory practices including, but not limited to, discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnic background, special ability/disability or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
2. I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club and League/Association.
3. I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having consideration for their health and well-being.
4. I will be supportive at all times and I will refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse and unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
5. I will show consideration for varying maturity and levels of ability of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in football competition.
6. Where I am responsible for players in the 5-18 year old age group, I will use best endeavours to ensure that players gain equal playing time.
7. I will monitor and ensure the safety of players in my care.
8. In recognising injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the participation and / or return to training of injured or ill players.
9. I will keep up to date with the principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
10. I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
11. I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, officials, parents and spectators.
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.
13. I reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines in the AFL Anti-Doping policy.
14. I acknowledge that the AFL, or a body affiliated with the AFL, may take disciplinary action against me if I breach any part of this Code of Conduct. I understand that the AFL, or a body affiliated with the AFL, is required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against me.
15. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include de-registration as a Coach and a member of CoachAFL.
16. I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of Accreditation as a coach and member of CoachAFL.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____