



COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Coaches' Code of Conduct is issued to all coaches at the Club and is required to be read, understood, accepted and signed by the coaches before any coaching activity or involvement commences.

1. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, by refraining 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 due consideration for their health and wellbeing.
4. I will be supportive at all times and I will refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
5. I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
6. Where I am responsible for players in the 5–18-year-old age groups, I will strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time. I will avoid overplaying the talented players, aiming to maximise participation, learning and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability.
7. I will monitor and ensure the safety of players in my care.
8. In recognising the significance of 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 endeavour to keep informed regarding sound 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, other officials, parents and spectators.
12. I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill-learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win.
13. I reject the use of performance-enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Anti-Doping and Illicit Drugs policies.
14. I will abide by guidelines as published in the Blackwood Football Club Coaching Handbook on the Blackwood Football Club website, noting that these might vary from time to time.
15. I acknowledge that the SANFL/AFL, or a body affiliated with the SANFL/AFL, may take disciplinary action against me if I breach any part of this Code of Conduct. I understand that the SANFL/AFL, or a body affiliated with the SANFL/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.
16. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include de-registration as a Coach and a member of SANFL Coaching Accreditation Scheme.
17. I acknowledge that the Blackwood Football Club (the Club) Executive Committee may also choose to impose sanctions on my involvement with the Club in the absence of OR over and above any disciplinary action imposed by the League(s).

I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the Coaches' Code of Conduct.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

*SIGNATURE: _____

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