Junior Players, Parents and Supporters Code of Conduct

Blackwood Football Club expects Junior Players, Parents and Supporters to follow and abide by this Code of Conduct

Players Code of Conduct

Players are bound by the following Code of Conduct and Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to inform and talk with Junior Players about this Code of Conduct:

• Play in accordance with the Laws of the Game
• Never argue with an official. If a player disagrees with a decision, you should ask the Team Manager to raise the matter at an appropriate time;
• Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport and may be a breach of your club, state, league or national Member Protection Policy;
• Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
• Work equally hard for you and your team. The team's performance will benefit, and so will yours;
• Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether they are made by your team or the opposition;
• Treat all participants as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor;
• Co-operate with your coaches, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition;
• Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of your teammates, not to please anyone else.
• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
• Do not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media. (For more information, refer to the National Member Protection Policy;
• Be prepared to be responsible for your actions.

Parent and Supporters Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct aims to provide a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

Each Parent and Supporter must:

a) Support the participants and enjoy the Match;

b) Encourage participation, but don't force it;

c) Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning;

d) Not ridicule mistakes or losses;

e) Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated;

f) Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time;

g) Not publicly criticise Umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private;

h) Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your Coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks;

i) Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs;

j) Not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any Player, Official, Umpire or supporter;

k) Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players;

l) Not to enter the field of play in any sanctioned Competition Match unless granted permission by an Official to do so;

m) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;

n) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).

Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.

For Parents & Caregivers

• I/We hereby consent to the registration of my/our son/daughter with the HFL or SANFL Juniors.
• I/We acknowledge that I/we have been provided with, and understand, the Code of Conduct of the Competition Rules and Regulations in the Association in which they participate
• I/We hereby agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and agree to observe and obey this Code and all rulings made by the HFL/SANFL that relate to me/us, other family members and invited guests.
• I/We understand that the HFL/SANFL may withdraw or suspend my/our son(s)/daughter(s) registration to play in HFL/SANFL Juniors should I/we fail to comply with the Code, the Rules and/or any rulings of the HFL or SANFL.

I, have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a member of the Blackwood Football Club Inc.

Signature: _____

Date: _____