



Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

Codes of Conduct - 2024

Approved by BJFC Executive Committee 13/11/2023

The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club fully supports the [Eastern Football Leagues Code of Conduct](#) which are part of the National Football Policy provided by the Australian Football League. Our aim is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment to play football. In doing so it is important that we respect our teammates, committee members, coaches, officials, opponents and the umpires.

By registering your child with the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club on PlayHQ, you and your child agree to abide by the below conduct and support the Beaconsfield JFC Committee in its undertakings and encourage them to take any disciplinary action they deem appropriate if a breach of the Code of Conduct occurs.

Coach's

Please note that this is in addition to the AFL Coach's Code of Conduct

- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Avoid over-playing the advanced "talented" players, the "developing players" need and deserve equal playing time.
- Remember that players participate for their fun and enjoyment.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep yourself informed of the sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of players.
- Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- Ensure that skill learning, and appropriate sports behaviour have priority over highly structured competitions for young players.
- Help players understand the responsibilities and implications of their freedom to choose between fair and unfair play.

Committee/Officials

- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all players, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Provide training sessions that aim to improve standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique.
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of players.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- Remember that players participate for enjoyment and play down the importance of rewards.

Parents/Spectators

- Encourage players to participate, if they are interested.
- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing the game.
- Remember that players learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official or committee member, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning their judgement in public.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, officials and committees.
- Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Respect Officials and Beaconsfield JFC Committee decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation and recognize the efforts of volunteer Coaches, Officials and Committee members. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Never verbally or physically abuse, intimidate or use threatening behaviour or language towards any Umpire, Game Day Official, Committee member, Club member or fellow spectator.
- Never consume alcohol at any venue where a junior football game or training session is in progress.

Players

- Play by the rules of this club, the league and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an Umpire or other Official, if you have an issue; ask your Coach or Team Manager to approach the Venue Manager during a break or after the game. Understand that without Umpires & Officials, you can-not play football.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of Officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport and doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player – It's a team game. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Appreciate all good play whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you like to be treated – fairly. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your Coach, Team-mates, Officials, Committee and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment, benefit and skill improvement, not just to please your parents or Coach.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your Club, Coach, Team-mates and Family if you do & many such comments are illegal.
- Respect & look after all club property and facilities. Do not mistreat damage or vandalise.



Breaches

Please understand that, if a breach of the Clubs Codes of Conduct occurs, disciplinary action may be applied at the digression of the Executive Committee.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to;

- written warnings
- suspensions and / or banning of players, parents/guardians and /or spectators and is separate from any other penalty that may or may not be applied by the League or Police for the same incident.