

# Coaches Code of Conduct Policy



As an integral component of a coaches accreditation, all coaches must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct that is in the best interests of the game and the players/staff in their care, in representing the Keilor Park Football Club in an honest manner and without bringing the coaching profession or the game into disrepute. All coaches will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of their ability:

- Abide by the laws and rules – always operate within the laws of the game and rules of your club and the league and teach your players to do the same.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players regardless of their gender, cultural background, religion or special ability/disability.
- Avoid verbal and physical confrontation with other clubs' players/officials and umpires at all times – use the League's official vehicle of communication to report any unfair situations that you may believe arise.
- Maintain team respect for opponents, umpires, parents, officials, spectators and coaches.
- Refrain from any form of verbal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in your care.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and the principles of physical growth and development.
- Attain coaching accreditation and update regularly.
- Stress safety by making sure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- Follow the advice of a qualified person when determining when an injured player is ready to play again
- Be aware of the differing needs and attitudes of players at your club, particularly young players.
- Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest desirable ideals and character traits in players
- Be supportive of activities designed to encourage participation of young players at junior clubs, schools and development programs.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

## Escalation

Any breach should be reported immediately to the relevant Team Manager and then if required to the Senior Co-Ordinator who may, if serious enough, escalate the matter to the Football committee.

## Penalties

As we expect coaches to set the highest of behavioural examples, Keilor Park Football Club has a zero tolerance approach to officials breaching codes, hence serious breaches may result in immediate suspensions from their roles.

## Policy Review

The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that the policy remains current and practical.