



Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club

Juniors Code of Conduct



COACHES

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure - winning is only part of the fun.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport -help your players to understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
- Relate to officials in a courteous and polite way.
- Implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.
- Implement policy and practices (and lead by example) - in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
- Listen to your players - ensure that the time they spend with you is a positive experience.
- Encourage young people to participate in administration, coaching and officiating -as well as playing.
- Promote a culturally tolerant environment.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and qualifications –ensure you understand the principles of physical growth and development.
- Give young people the chance to try out different playing positions and different sports.
- Ensure you are aware of your club’s child safe policy – ensure you are aware of your mandated responsibility to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect. Complete the online training on www.playbytherules.net.au.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate –is it necessary for the player’s skill development?
- Avoid developing any ‘special’ relationships with children – ensure that you show no favouritism such as the offering of gifts or special treatment. This includes intimate relationships and personal online social networking with team members.



PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. - if you need clarification, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team - your team's performance will benefit — so will you.
- Be a good sport - applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Show respect to and acknowledge opponents and officials - (e.g. shake hands before and after the game and say things like 'good luck', 'thanks for the game', 'thanks ref', 'three cheers for ...').
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents - without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit - not just to please parents and coaches.
- Play fair — no verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players (including vilification) or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not expect or accept "special" favours from a coach or person involved in team or club management.
- Speak to an adult you trust if you have an issue, feel unsafe or are concerned about someone else.



PARENTS & SPECTATORS

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment - not yours.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules - settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child - for making a mistake or not winning.
- Respect officials' decisions - encourage children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators - remember they are usually volunteers.
- Applaud good performance and efforts - from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants - regardless of the game's outcome.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form – regardless of whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Support all policies and practices (lead by example). - This includes responsible alcohol and drug use and support of child safe strategies.
- Support involvement in modified rules games and other junior development programs.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person -regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Ensure you are aware and follow the correct processes to follow if you have an issue or complaint – do not perpetuate issues with gossip or general criticism.



OFFICIALS

- Apply rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people and to make participation more fun.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants— you are a role model and a source of a young person’s confidence building.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect - for all opponents.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards - are they appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Be familiar with relevant policies and procedures relating to a child safe environment.
- Promote a culturally appropriate environment.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



ADMINISTRATORS

- Ensure you are aware of your obligations to provide a child safe environment - this includes risk management, child safe policy, appropriate screening of staff/volunteers and mandatory notification obligations of certain people in the organisation.
- Ensure your club is accessible for all to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in your club - give them “a say “on decisions that affect them, provide leadership opportunities and most importantly listen to them.
- Ensure that the types of programs, rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players - ensure volunteers are adequately trained.
- Direct coaches and officials to highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development.
- Ensure that everyone emphasises fair play - not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players - encourage them to follow it.
- Develop where appropriate and distribute codes of behaviour for other volunteers – this may include team managers and sport trainers and first-aid staff.
- Remember, you set an example - your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Implement policy and practices (and lead by example) - in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
- Adopt and implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.
- Promote a culturally tolerant environment.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.