



Eastern Football League - Codes of Conduct –



EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND SPECTATORS:

- Remember that children play football for fun - they are not playing for your entertainment, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Encourage players to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the players' efforts - never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing the game.
- Remember that players learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules and respect official's decisions.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and officials.
- An umpire's job is a difficult one – put yourself in their position – how would you like to be treated?
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not harassing or using foul language to umpires, players, coaches, or other spectators.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Respect the rights and dignity of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Discuss the Codes of Conduct with your son/daughter so that you are both are aware of your obligations.
- Actively promote the Codes of Conduct at all times.

Please Note:

Your failure to adhere to the codes of conduct may result in the withdrawal or suspension of your son/daughter's registration to play in the Eastern Football League.

EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS:

- Always play by the rules.
- Control your temper - treat others as you would like to be treated – bullying will not be tolerated.
- Verbal abuse to umpires, officials or other players is not acceptable.
- Never argue with an umpire or official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach.
- Co-operate, support and encourage your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Respect the rights and dignity of all players regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Play for the "fun of it" – it's just a game!