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Junior Coaches Code of Conduct

This coaches code of conduct is to be read in conjunction with section 5 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook.

In addition to the obligations under the National Community Football Policy Handbook, a Coach must:

- a) be Accredited;
- b) be reasonable in the demands made on the time commitments of Players, having regard to their health and well-being;
- c) be considerate of the varying maturity and levels of ability of Players when designing practice schedules and practice activities;
- d) if coaching Junior Players, use best endeavours to ensure that Players gain equal playing time in Matches; Return to Table of Contents 41
- e) always monitor and ensure the health and safety of Players;
- f) seek and follow the advice of appropriately qualified health specialists in relation to the participation of injured or ill Players provided that, where such advice is that a Player is fit to play but that advice is inconsistent with any restrictions in this Policy Handbook on the participation of injured or ill Players, the restrictions in this Policy Handbook must be complied with;
- g) keep up to date with the principles of coaching including skill development and requirements of Accreditation;
- h) display and foster appropriate sporting behaviour, including using best endeavours to procure that Players comply with their obligations under this Policy Handbook;
- i) display and foster respect for Football Officials, opponents, parents and spectators; and
- j) ensure that Players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities.