



## CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Preston Bullants Junior Football Club (PBJFC) aims to provide an opportunity for young people to participate in Australian Rules Football and provide them with the opportunity to develop football skills in a team environment, increase physical fitness, experience teamwork, as well as develop friendships, and a sense of fairness in a safe and caring environment that is inclusive of family and community.

### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Code of Conduct Policy (Policy) is to provide a set of values, rules, standards and principles outlining what the PBJFC expect from all players, coaches, officials, parents, supporters and Committee Members.

### 3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all PBJFC players, coaches, officials, parents, supporters and Committee Members

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, Coaches and Officials, Parents, Supporters and Committee Members always have a responsibility when representing the Preston Bullants Junior Football Club to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner consistent with these values and of Codes of Conduct.

The codes of conduct below are based on the YJFL Codes of Conduct.

The aims are:

- Provide guidelines for the behaviour of participants - officials, players, parents, spectators
- Encourage sporting behaviour
- Provide a supportive environment for junior footballers
- Ensure all participants enjoy their involvement in football.

### 5. COACHES AND OFFICIALS

- Many of the issues that can arise with concerned parents can be avoided by clear and frequent communication with players and with the parent group.
- Abide by the Laws and Rules of the game, the YJFL and the club, with regards to game day.
- Demonstrate your commitment to the rules. Children learn through copying behaviour.
- Ensure your behaviour is acceptable and complies with the Laws and Rules.
- Group players competitively.
- Game time may be subject to consistent attendance at games and training by players
- Avoid overplaying talented players.
- Adhere to club POLICY – Game Time Policy
- Adhere to POLICY - Positive Playing Environment providing positive feedback and constant encouragement to your team

- Maximize fun: place winning in perspective.
- Stress safety always.
- Consider maturity levels. Ensure activities are suitable for the age and ability levels.
- Develop team respect and respect of players, officials, umpires, parents and spectators.
- Recognize the importance of proper injury treatment.
- Keep up to date with coaching techniques and developments.
- Attain accreditation. The Club will meet the cost of accreditation.
- Avoid derogatory language based on gender, race or ability and teach the players such behaviour is unacceptable.
- Avoid behaviour which brings team, club, and league into disrepute
- Club uniform is to be worn when representing the club
- Ensure your team wears correct uniforms
- All coaches, trainers and runners over the age of 18 must obtain a volunteer Working with Children check, regardless of whether their child is in the team.

## **6. PLAYERS**

- Play by the rules at all times.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach/official after the game.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether it is by your team or your opponents.
- Control your temper. Verbal and physical abuse of officials or other players or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates, and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for "the fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Avoid using derogatory language.
- When playing ensure you wear the correct team uniform

## **7. PARENTS AND SPECTATORS**

- Encourage children to participate if they are interested.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Teach that honest effort is the victory, not the match result.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play from all players including the opposition.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issues through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public.
- Support your club and association's officials to foster high standards of behaviour.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse of all umpires, players and opposition officials and supporters.
- Support and recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches and officials.

- Remember that children play organized sport for FUN. They are not playing for the entertainment of the spectators, 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 umpire's decisions.
- Demonstrate the appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches, or officials.
- Never enter the playing arena during the game. Only designated officials will be permitted to enter the arena during the game.

#### **8. ALL PARTIES**

- Smoking will not be permitted in clubrooms and on the playing arena during match day at quarter time and three-quarter time huddles and at half time and on training days
- Consumption of alcohol by person or persons in any form at PBJFC matches is strictly prohibited on the ground, terraces, change rooms and any other viewing areas.

#### **9. BREACHES OF CODE**

Any breaches of conduct will be referred to the Committee.

Any serious breaches of conduct will be subject to investigation and may lead to disciplinary action being taken.