



## MANDATORY AND ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT

### FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS & OFFICIALS

The Yarrambat Junior Football Club fully supports the Codes of Conduct as introduced by the AFL, AFL Victoria and the NFNL. All clubs are required to enforce a Code of Conduct for officials, players, members and supporters.

#### 1. PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play for enjoyment and to improve your skills.
- Play by the rules of the club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official.
- Control your temper — verbal abuse, sledging or harassment of officials or players is not acceptable.
- Be a team player — football is a team game. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with your coach, umpires and teammates.
- Do not make negative or disrespectful comments about another person's race, religion, gender or ability.
- Do not make or post inappropriate, offensive, harmful or discriminatory comments in public or via social media about players, clubs, umpires, officials, the AFL, the league or the YJFC. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, messaging apps, text messages, phone messages, digital images, and online platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Snapchat, websites and blogs.

#### 2. PARENTS, SUPPORTERS, VOLUNTEERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that you are present to support participants and help them enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation but do not force it.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules of the competition, the club and the laws of the game.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Remember that children learn best by example.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses — supporters are there to support, not criticise.
- Lead by example and show respect to all players, coaches, umpires and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise and appreciate the volunteers and officials who give their time to the club.
- Never publicly criticise umpires, officials or participants. Raise concerns privately with club officials.
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### 3. COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for all participants to develop skills and behaviours.
- Support participation across all areas of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Demonstrate control and courtesy at all times.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Maintain appropriate and responsible behaviour at all times.
- Act with integrity, objectivity and accountability.
- Ensure your actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
- Prioritise the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- Support each player's development, offering positive and constructive feedback appropriate to their stage.
- Ensure any physical contact with a player is appropriate and necessary for skill development.
- Obtain and maintain all required qualifications.
- Do not engage in unethical, inappropriate or unbecoming conduct, or behaviour that may damage the reputation of the club or its participants.
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**By registering our child with the Yarrambat Junior Football Club, we acknowledge that the Club's Code of Conduct applies to all Players, Officials, Volunteers, Members and Supporters. We agree to abide by these principles and understand that the Club may impose disciplinary actions, including suspension or banning, for any breaches of the Code of Conduct.**