



Montmorency Junior Football Club

Players Code of Conduct (CoC) Policy

This policy will outline Montmorency Junior Football Club's approaches & expectations with regards to the Code of Conduct of Players in and around club premises and during training & match-day situations.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all players representing MJFC abide by the standards as detailed in the Players Code of Conduct as described by the AFL Code of Conduct (Website <https://www.afl.com.au/clubhelp/club-management/risk-management/code-of-conduct>), specific & personal also though to the Players of the MJFC

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AFL Players Code of Conduct

The Players Code of Conduct is in place to ensure football is a positive and enjoyable for everyone. All players are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Each Player and Official must:

- Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, or the League or the Club into disrepute;
- Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- Respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- Display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials, parents and spectators;
- Never argue with or dispute a decision of an Official or Umpire. If a Participant disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations, Policies and Determinations;
- Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of or swearing at or in the vicinity of others, sledging Players and/or Coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent;
- Comply with the AFL and LEAGUE XXX Rules and Regulations including the National Member Protection Policy, the League By-Laws and this Code of Conduct;
- Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly;
- Cooperate with their Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates;
- Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, Coaches and Club Officials;

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- Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- Not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Participant or the Club;
- Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs) and;
- Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams;

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- Play by the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official - without these people, you can't play football.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player - It's a team game, treat it that way.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated - fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates.
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability
 - you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do
 - & many such comments are actually now illegal.

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