

## Players Code of Conduct

The below Code of Conduct is applicable to all Junior Club Players.

- Never argue with the umpire. Please discuss the matter with your coach or team manager following the match.
  - The abuse of umpires or other players is not acceptable.
  - Work as hard for your team as you do for yourself, your team's performance will benefit as will yours.
  - Be a good sport; applaud good plays whether they are by your team mates or the opposing players.
  - Treat all players as you wish to be treated.
  - Do not bully or take advantage of the opposing players.
  - Respect your coach, team mates and opposing players in an equal manner.
  - Play for fun and don't play to win at all costs.
  - Don't use abusive, inappropriate or derogatory (put down) language.
  - Players must be aware that there are many rules governing Australian Rules Football in particular they should be familiar with BYLAW #1 "The Spirit of Junior Football in WA"
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By registering as a player with the Mt Helena Junior Football Club, I agree to abide by these principles. I support the Mt Helena Junior Football Club in its undertakings and encourage the Mt Helena Junior Football Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning of any players for repeated or serious breaches of the Players Code of Conduct.

Players Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Players Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_



### BYLAW #1. THE SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN WA

Every participant understands that Junior Football in Western Australia is delivered to the Community with the Spirit of the Game in mind. It is incumbent on every participant, irrespective of their place in the game, to ensure that they will:

- Not focus on winning at all cost and understand that the role of Junior Football is to foster the development of Junior Players, Volunteers, Umpires, Coaches and Officials.
  - Learning to win and lose is part of the developmental journey of a participant but must remain secondary to the primary focus of junior player development.
  - Maximise the enjoyment and development of junior footballers.
  - Provide our children with a game environment that is safe, fun and fair.
  - Ensure that the values which add to the spirit of our game, which include fairness, equality, respect and teamwork are encouraged and celebrated.
  - Uphold, promote and protect the Rules, Laws, Codes, Policies and Spirit of the game.
  - Not accept poor behaviours around our game and deter practices that undermine our games environments (Coaching, Playing, Volunteering, Spectating and Umpiring).
  - Adhere to any directive issued by the games controlling bodies in the best interests of achieving the above.
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