



Mount Lawley Inglewood Junior Football Club

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

The Mount Lawley Inglewood Junior Football Club (the Club) strongly supports efforts by the AFL and WAFC (the League) to improve player, parent, official and supporter behaviour.

Players' Code of Conduct

- **Play by the rules** – the rules of the Club and the laws of the game.
- **Never argue** with an umpire or official – accept their decision and get on with the game.
- **Control your temper.**
- **Be a team player** - don't be negative to teammates - build each other up and support each other even when they may have made a mistake.
- **Respect your coach** and team officials and do what they ask.
- **Never verbally abuse** others including comments that are based on race, religion, gender, or ability
- **Show good sportsmanship** to opposition players: shake hands at match end; apologise if you have done something wrong; congratulate them on something done well.
- **Play to enjoy the game** and to improve your skills.
- **Do not use ugly remarks** based on race, religion, cultural background, gender, sexuality, appearance, disability, or football ability (this includes on social media platforms) – you'll let down your coach, team-mates, and family if you do – and many such comments are now illegal.

Parents' and Supporters' Code of Conduct

- Encourage participation but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not to denigrate.
- Lead by example by demonstrating respect for all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators and insist that your child and their supporters also show this same respect.
- Do not allow or participate in any form of verbal abuse including remarks based on race, religion, gender, or ability towards all players.
- Understand that any type of verbal abuse towards players is totally unacceptable in all situations.
- Understand that physical abuse or intimidation is totally unacceptable in all situations.
- Show respect and adhere to all decisions made by coaches, team managers and first aiders (especially in relation to concussion protocols).
- Never publicly criticise umpires or seek to approach an umpire at any time – issues should be brought up only with the Team Manager.
- Never publicly criticise, defame, slander, or denigrate any players, coaches, team managers, game day volunteers or committee members, this includes on social media platforms.
- Direct all concerns about the behaviour of the team through the Team Manager and if required through the Club Committee and not directly to the WAFC.
- Acknowledge that a breach of this Code or the By-laws of the Club or League may involve disciplinary action that could include a formal apology, suspension of a player or parent, deregistration of the player or other sanctions, including the termination of the membership and expulsion of the player(s) and parents from the Club.
- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.

By registering with the Club, you agree to abide by the Code, and you acknowledge that as an individual player, as a parent and as a family you have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Code.