



Club Policies for Junior Footballers, Parents and Spectators

West Ivanhoe Roosters Junior Football Club
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CLUB POLICIES

The following aims have been formulated in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the West Ivanhoe Roosters Junior Football Club (WIRJFC). Officials, Coaches, Players and Supporters of The Club will, through their actions, Promote, Encourage, Foster, and Advance the game of Australian Rules Football. Members of the Club should direct their efforts towards The Club's success. The Club will endeavour to ensure there is effective management which will promote unity and common purpose. The Club is to provide the necessary facilities, equipment and personnel so the sporting and social need of its members is achieved.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Policies and Codes

The West Ivanhoe Roosters Junior Football Club is committed to providing a means for young people to meet their recreational needs and develop their physical and social skills through football.

All people are welcome to participate in the life of the club and are encouraged to do so with an attitude of serving and selflessness. "The club is not there for us, but rather we are there for the club."

Code of Behaviour

Parents / Spectators

All adults present at club events are expected to demonstrate behaviour that enhances the image of the football club and provides a good model for young people.

Demonstrate support for all club policies and codes

Encourage young people to participate. Do not force them.

Avoid using foul or derogatory language

Don't ridicule players. Focus on the positives.

Support coaches, umpires and club officials. Without them your child could not participate

Should you have concerns or grievances please contact the junior club president. If matters are not resolved then submit issue in writing to the WIRJFC Committee.

Coaches

Demonstrate support for all club policies and codes

Be reasonable in your demands on players time, energy and enthusiasm

Encourage other adults to participate in roles such as team manager, umpires etc.

Encourage players abide by the appropriate codes of behaviour

Submit any issues and concerns to the junior committee

Players

Play by the rules

Leave the umpiring to the umpire. Never waste time and energy disputing a decision. Show umpires respect.

Remember that many are volunteers, who are simply keen to help out. Without them you would not have a game.

Control your temper. Physical or verbal abuse directed towards officials and players is not acceptable.

Respect and cooperate with your coach, other club officials and your team mates. Without them there would be no competition.

Football is a team game. Always put the team first. Work selflessly for your team mates and your club.

General

Players do not possess or consume alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.

Players are not subject to deliberate physical violence outside of the context of fair football.

Players are not verbally or physically harassed outside of the context of fair football.



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Players do not swear or use foul language.
Players are obedient to reasonable requests.
Players respect club volunteers and facilities.

Players who are involved in, instigators of, or blatantly ignore any of the above will be considered to have behaved inappropriately and can expect consequences as follows
Players deliberately inflicting physical violence outside the context of fair football will be immediately excluded from training **and** the following match. The offender will need to sign a "Good Behaviour" contract before resuming club activities. Breach of this contract will result in exclusion from club events for the remainder of the season.
For other inappropriate behaviour, players will be verbally warned once then excluded from the present club event for at least ten minutes. If the same behaviour persists at the next club event, the player will be warned once and then excluded from that club event. The player will need to sign a "Good Behaviour" contract before resuming club activities. Breach of this contract will result in exclusion for the remainder of the season at the discretion of the Junior Committee.

West Ivanhoe Roosters Junior Football Club - Codes of Responsibilities

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Auskick, Under 9's (Tackers), Under 10's, Under 11's

Parents' Responsibilities

- Encourage children to participate. Do not force an unwilling child
- Focus upon the child's efforts & performance & not the overall outcome of the game
- Teach children that an honest effort is important
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake
- Remember children are involved in sports for their enjoyment, not yours
- If you disagree with an umpire or an official, do not question the umpires or officials judgement & honesty in public
- Support all efforts to remove verbal & physical abuse from football matches
- Recognise the value & importance of coaches, umpires & other officials

Players' Responsibilities

- Learn the rules of the game & play by them at all times
- Never argue with an umpire or official. If you disagree, have your team manger approach the official at an appropriate time. It will be your team manger in consultation with a committee member to take the matter further.
- Distracting or provoking opponents or verbally abusing players & officials is not permitted
- Work hard for your team & be a good sport
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates & opponents
- Above all, enjoy yourself



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Officials' Responsibilities

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of all participants
- Compliment all participants on their efforts
- Be consistent, objective & courteous
- Use common sense to ensure the "Spirit of the Game" for children is not lost through over emphasizing errors
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles & the principle of growth & development of children

Umpires' Responsibilities

- Implement the rules of the competition being umpired
- Ensure the environment for the match is safe for all participants
- Ensure that the players safety is paramount during the game

Spectators' Responsibilities

- Understand that children play sport for enjoyment
- Congratulate all participants' efforts regardless of the game's outcome
- Applaud good play by both teams
- Respect the coaches, umpires & other official's decisions
- Condemn the use of inappropriate behaviour in any form

The West Ivanhoe Rooster JFC Committee 2012

The Policy has been formulated on the basis of guidelines established by: West Ivanhoe Roosters Junior Football Club Committee. The policy sets out specific objectives and a framework for the organisations of U/9, U/10, U/11, teams. The club accepts responsibility for our junior footballers and the junior policy recognises the need to encourage participation, provide positive support, adequate equipment and facilities for them.



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