



## PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

The objective of the Claremont District is to provide an opportunity for children of all ages and abilities to play football in a fun and safe environment. All players, parents, coaches, officials and spectators are expected to adhere to this Code of Conduct.

1. Understand and follow *By-Law 1 – The Spirit of Junior Football in WA* at all times. This by-law states that it is incumbent on every participant in the game to ensure they will:
  - Not focus on winning at all costs and understand the role of junior football is to foster the development of junior players and that winning is secondary to this objective;
  - Maximise the enjoyment of all players, regardless of individual ability; and
  - Actively promote a positive game environment and not accept poor behaviours that are detrimental to the game.
2. Never use foul or derogatory language towards umpires, players, opponents, officials or spectators.
3. Never argue with, abuse, threaten or intimidate an umpire or official, irrespective of whether you disagree with a decision.
4. Remember that junior umpires are not professionals and that mistakes will inevitably be made. Umpires are learning the game and should be encouraged and supported in the same manner in which you support junior players.
5. Treat umpires, officials and the opposition with respect at all times. Remember that the umpire is another parent's son or daughter and imagine how you would feel if you witnessed your son or daughter being abused by a group of adults.
6. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake. Applaud good play by both teams and remember that children play football for their own enjoyment, not for the entertainment of the spectators.
7. Follow the directions of officials at all times, without resorting to abuse and foul language.
8. If you disagree with an official's decision raise the issue through the appropriate channels (your club President initially) rather than questioning or abusing the official in public.
9. Encourage all players to follow the rules and respect the umpire's decisions.

By signing this Code of Conduct you understand your role in providing a positive game environment for all children and acknowledge that any breaches will result in penalties being imposed by your junior club and/or the Claremont District.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club: \_\_\_\_\_