

# TRUE SPORT – SPECTATORS & PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## POLICY BACKGROUND

The major objective of Junior & Youth Football is to provide an opportunity for all children to play Australian Football in a safe environment designed to maximise the acquisition of skill and provide enjoyment. The True Sport Codes of Conduct, if followed by all people involved in our game, should ensure the fulfilment of this important objective.

## RULES

1. SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL	
1a	ALL parents and spectators must understand and adhere to <b>BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'</b> .
2. #HAVEFUN	
2a	Encourage children to participate in sport and have fun. Although remember this is about their ambition, and not yours.
2b	Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators, nor are they mini adults. Let them have fun and enjoy their junior sport experience.
3. #GIVEBACK	
3a	Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, managers and helpers. Put your hand up to volunteer yourself.
4. #BEHEALTHY	
4a	Encourage your child to play multiple sports – they do not need to specialise and play one sport all year round.
5. #PLAYFAIR	
5a	Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5b	Encourage players to follow the rules and the umpire's decisions.
6. #SHOWRESPECT	
6a	Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6b	Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams.
6c	If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public.
6d	Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
6e	Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
6f	Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not swearing, using derogatory language, harassing players, coaches, umpires or volunteers.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations