

TRUE SPORT – UMPIRES 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 umpires must understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football' .
2. #HAVEFUN	
2a	Ensure that the “spirit of the game” for children is not lost by using common sense and not over emphasizing errors.
2b	Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
3. #BESAFE	
3a	Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs.
3b	Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
4. #PLAYFAIR	
4a	Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour. Actions speak louder than words.
5. #BRINGYOURBEST	
5a	Compliment all participants on their efforts.
6. #SHOWRESPECT	
6a	Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
6b	Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
6c	Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations
AFL Laws of Australian Football