



TRUE SPORT PARENT'S AND SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The major objective of Junior 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 following True Sport Code of Conduct, if followed by all people involved in our junior game, should ensure the fulfilment of this important objective. The West Australian Football Commission strongly advises that all persons involved be issued with copies of the appropriate True Sport code of conduct. WA Football supports acts of sportsmanship (hand shaking etc) between players, coaches, administrators, umpires etc.

True Sport True Sport is an initiative by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries that supports local sporting clubs and associations to use eight values to share the benefits of sport and recreation to our whole community. After consulting with members of the sporting industry, it is apparent that what people believe that strong community values are an important part of having a positive sporting experience in our State.

True Sport is the sport we want. Good sport can make a huge difference to our community and it is important to help sports work together to share this message through using a common language that everyone understands.

True Sport's eight values should be part of everyday life both on and off the field. By embracing these values, teams, clubs, participants and officials can work together to create fun, fair and safe environments for one and all to participate in sporting activities.

The eight True Sport Values are:

1. Have Fun
2. Be Safe
3. Give Back
4. Be Healthy
5. Play Fair
6. Bring Your Best
7. Show Respect
8. Include All

Parents and spectators should abide by the following:

- Understand and adhere to BYLAW #1 'The Spirit of Junior Football'.
- Encourage children to participate in Sport and have fun. Although remember this is about their ambition, and not yours. #HaveFun
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules. #PlayFair
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. #ShowRespect
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams. #ShowRespect
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public. #ShowRespect

- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. #ShowRespect
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, managers and helpers. Put your hand up to volunteer yourself. #GiveBack
- Remember that children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators, nor are they are not mini adults. Let them have fun and enjoy their junior sport experience. #HaveFun
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players. #ShowRespect
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the umpire's decisions. #PlayFair
- Encourage your child to play multiple sports – they do not need to specialise and play one sport all year round. #BeHealthy
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not swearing, using derogatory language, harassing players, coaches, umpires or volunteers. #ShowRespect

BYLAW #1 THE SPIRIT OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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Every participant understands that Junior Football in Western Australia is delivered to the Community with the Spirit of the Game in mind.

It is incumbent on every participant irrespective of their place in the game, to ensure that they will;

- 1.1. Not focus on winning at all costs and understand that the role of Junior Football is to foster the development of junior players, volunteers, umpires, coaches and officials. Learning to win and lose is part of the developmental journey of a participant but must remain secondary to the primary focus of junior player development.
- 1.2. Maximise the enjoyment and development of junior footballers.
- 1.3. Provide our children with a game environment that is safe, fun and fair.
- 1.4. Ensure that the values which add to the spirit of our game, which include fairness, equality, respect and teamwork are encouraged and celebrated.
- 1.5. Uphold, promote and protect the Rules, Laws, Codes, Policies and Spirit of the game.
- 1.6. Not accept poor behaviours around our game and deter practices that undermine our games environments (coaching, playing, volunteering, spectating and umpiring).
- 1.7. Adhere to any directive issued by the games controlling bodies in the best interests of achieving the above.
- 1.8. Coaches should adopt an athlete centred coaching philosophy.

Penalties for breaching this by-law may include:

- Club Fines
- Player/Official suspension
- Loss of Match