

# WALKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## *Sports Coaches Code of Conduct*

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### DEFINITION

This Coaches Code of Conduct guides the behaviour of coaches at Walkerville Primary School sports team trainings and matches.

Failure to adhere to this code of conduct may lead to you and / or your child being prohibited from attending matches and/or trainings.

### OUR VALUES

- **Care** – for the players, their teammates, other parents, school staff and other volunteer coaches
- **Cooperation** – with the school staff, parents and other volunteer coaches
- **Commitment** – to attend every possible training and game for the entire season

### WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

- **Remember that young people participate for pleasure** - winning is only part of the fun.
- **Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport** -help your players to understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
- **Relate to officials in a courteous and polite way.**
- **Implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.**
- **Implement policy and practices (and lead by example)** - in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
- **Listen to your players** - ensure that the time they spend with you is a positive experience.
- **Encourage young people to participate in administration, coaching and officiating** - as well as playing.
- **Promote a culturally tolerant environment.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants** - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **Keep up to date with coaching practices and qualifications** –ensure you understand the principles of physical growth and development.
- **Give young people the chance to try out different playing positions and different sports.**
- **Ensure you are aware of your club's child safe policy** – ensure you are aware of your mandated responsibility to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect. Complete the online training on [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au).
- **Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate** –is it necessary for the player's skill development?
- **Avoid developing any 'special' relationships with children** – ensure that you show no favouritism such as the offering of gifts or special treatment. This includes intimate relationships and personal online social networking with team members.

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