Forest Lions Junior AFL Club | **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Forest Lions Junior Football Club has a long and proud history in Junior Football. Through our club, we endeavour to teach and support our youth not only on the football field, but also in their daily lives. To do this we need to be committed to modeling the types of behavior and qualities we champion.

We ask that our Club Officials, Coaches, Players and Parents take note of our Code of Conduct and request that everyone respects the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

It is important to note that inappropriate behaviour from Coach, Player and/or Parent can impact a team's E-Points (rewards points). A loss of E-Points can result in adjustment to a team's position on the competition ladder and in turn may impact a finals position.

Coach

- I will operate within the 'rules and spirit of the game' and teach my players to do the same
- I will obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players
- I will display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- I will remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun
- I will not ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning and I will be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- I will ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities

Parent

- I won't pressure my child – I know that this is their game not mine
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials and coaches decisions – no matter what
- I will teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- I will remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents
- I will thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child

Player

- I will always play by the rules
- I will treat all players, as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- I will control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- I will not argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision, I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- I will work equally hard for my team and myself
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays, whether my team or the opposition makes them
- I will cooperate with my coach, teammates and opponents
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game