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B4 Coach Code of Conduct
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NOTE: For references to other 'parts', see the related section of the Member's Protection Policy.

B4. Coach Code of Conduct

ERFC recognises the right of each member to experience a safe, inclusive and enjoyable football environment. To that end, the club expects certain standards of behaviour from all members in order to build this environment. The standards are underpinned by the following core values:

- To act within the rules and spirit of football;
- To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in football and prevent discrimination and harassment;
- To prioritise the safety and well-being of children involved in football; and
- To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of football.

We have adopted this Coach Code of Conduct, based on codes of conduct adopted by Football Australia and Football Victoria, to assist coaching members ('coaches') to contribute to such an environment.

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Coach Code of Conduct - includes, but not limited to:

- Place the health, safety, and welfare of the participants above all else.
 - Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexual orientation, or religion.
 - Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation and development.
 - Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a game.
 - Teach your players to abide by the rules and Laws of the Game and to play within the spirit of the game.
 - Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and Match Officials, including by respecting decisions by Match Officials.
 - Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
 - Be reasonable in your demands on younger players' time, energy, and enthusiasm
 - Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
 - Do not tolerate abusive, bullying, or threatening behaviour.
 - Help each individual (player, official, etc.) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage with appropriate, positive and supportive feedback.
 - Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.
 - Emphasise participation in our game on the basis of enjoyment and growth, not on the outcome of a match;
 - Encourage participation in our game by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all to play;
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- Follow the advice of a physician, or listen to your player, when determining the extent of a player's injury and their return from injury to training and game scenarios.
- Modify your approach to suit the skill level and needs of the players;
- Make the most of your players' time by arriving prepared and with relevant equipment;
- Work within the football curriculum as planned by ERFC's Football Department;
- Focus on, celebrate and provide constructive feedback to your players based on their effort and development;
- Model good sportsmanship and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition;
- Encourage your players to always participate according to FIFA's Laws of the Game and Football Victoria's Rules of Competition;
- Respect and support the decisions made by Match Official(s), club officials and administrators;
- Remain in control of your emotions. The verbal abuse or provocation of any player, match official, club official or administrator is not acceptable or permitted;
- Report breaches of the Codes of Conduct to club officials and administrators;
- Raise any issues through the appropriate channels using the Club Grievances and Complaints Procedures;
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol whilst supervising team members.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that maintains the good standing and reputation of the Eltham Redbacks Football Club and football in general, both in your actions as an ERFC member and beyond; and
- Set high standards of behaviour for your players, instructing them to follow Codes of Conduct that relate to them.
- Conduct themselves appropriately when using electronic communication to share information. Information should be restricted to club matters and:
 - must not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully another person
 - must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of another person
 - should respect and maintain the privacy of members
 - must not bring the club into disrepute
 - must be clear and concise and not open to misinterpretation
 - when working with children, electronic communication must be directed through the child's parents

