

Clyde Cougars Football Club



CLYDE COUGARS FC – Coaches Code of Conduct

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches appointed by the Clyde Cougars FC **must** read, properly understand, sign and comply with the following Coaches Code of Conduct before commencing their coaching position at Clyde Cougars FC.

Safety and Health of Participants:

- All coaches **must** read, understand and sign the Coaches Code of Conduct when appointed to a coaching position at Clyde Cougars FC
- All coaches **must** supply Clyde Cougars FC with their Working with Children Check (WWCC) and Coaching AFL Level 1 Accreditation prior to the commencement of pre-season training or they will be unable to commence in the role.
- All coaches and coaching staff **must** understand and follow the Clyde Cougars FC Child Safety Policy provided to all coaches and coaching staff upon appointment.

Coaching excellence:

- Help each person (athlete, official, etc) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Encourage and support opportunities for volunteers and players to learn appropriate behaviours and skills. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport and treat each participant as an individual.
- It is important Clyde Cougars FC coaches attend Coaching Development sessions provided by the Clyde Cougars FC – if for any reason you are unable to attend, the clubs Football Director or Coaching Coordinator must be informed prior to the session.
- It is important for Clyde Cougars FC coaches to attend 'Coaches Meetings' held by the club - for any reason you are unable to attend the clubs Football Director or Coaching Coordinator must be informed prior to the meeting
- The club will be developing a training program for each team in 2024 and will be tailored to each team in conjunction with the coach. All training sessions must follow the clubs training plan or be planned around team and player development where deficiencies are identified during matches. Any deviations to the training plan are to be made in conjunction with the Football Director or Coaching Coordinator.
- **All** players must be equally rotated off the bench and throughout all positions during matches. This is to ensure that all players can learn all positions and aspects of the game. Avoid over-playing the talented players. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time, if not more.

- All coaching staff **must** wear Clyde Cougars FC apparel (Polo, hoodie, etc), appropriate clothing and footwear during matches (thongs & singlets are not to be worn during any training or game).
- All coaches **must** understand and follow SEJ By Laws and Rules of the game

Integrity & Wellbeing:

- All coaches must maintain a safe, welcoming, and fun environment throughout training and matches
- Remember that the players involved play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Emphasis the importance of the learning and development of skills and positive attitudes. Never ridicule or yell at your players for making mistakes or losing a competition
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgement of umpires and opposing coaches.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race, physical appearance etc.
- Any incident or injury during training or a match **must** be reported to a member of the Clyde Cougars FC committee as soon as possible.

Respect & Child Safety:

- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour. This must be dealt with swiftly, if it continues it must be reported to the Child Safety Director for assistance.
- Any form of abuse or negative comments directed at any player / umpire / parent / opposition from the coaches box during matches will not be tolerated.
- Coaches are not to recruit other players from any other team within Clyde FC without the prior approval of the clubs Executive Committee.
- Fill-in players **must** be a registered player with the club and can only play up one age level and be approved by the Football Director of the club.
- If the Assistant Coach is absent from the match and needs to be replaced, **only** someone that has completed their Level 1 AFL Coaching Accreditation can fill their match day role. The Coach or Team Manager **must** contact the Football Director and make them aware of the change.
- Any issues that arise from training or game day that you believe is of a serious nature are to be reported in writing to a member of the executive committee as soon as possible.

Date:

Coaches Signature:

Clyde Cougars FC Committee Representative Signature: