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UMPIRES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The role of umpires should be viewed and promoted as an integral part of Australian Football, and the existence of skilled coaching and a refined career path espoused.
2. Junior Umpires should view their role as primarily one of teaching and guidance to assist the education of the participants.
3. Clear pathways should be promoted to aspirants, encouraging an enjoyable involvement and retention and advancement for those who wish to develop.
4. The Umpiring Body should ensure that suitably qualified persons attend regular competition matches to access ongoing needs.
5. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
6. Keep yourself informed of sound umpiring principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
7. Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
8. Help children understand the responsibilities and implications of their freedom to choose between fair and unfair play depending on the age group.
9. Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of umpiring and officiating with an emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique.



10. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs.
11. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
12. Publicly encourage rule changes, which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
13. Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
14. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
15. Be consistent, objective and courteous in your decision-making.
16. Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the field your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
17. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, Coaches or Officials.