

Forest Baseball Club Inc



Officials Code of Conduct

All team officials (Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Scorer and Umpire) who are involved with Forest Baseball Club Inc teams are obliged to sign the following Code of Conduct.

Please read it carefully before you sign.

As a team official I will:

- Ensure all press statements have Forest Baseball Club Inc approval.
- Keep myself informed of sound coaching principles and seek more skilled advice when necessary.
- Accept decisions of the umpire as being fair, and called to the best of their ability. I will not abuse or ridicule the umpire, or allow players to do so.
- Play by the rules of the competition.
- Provide supervision of the behaviour of the squad at all times.
- Encourage sportsmanlike behaviour among the players.
- Always consider the health and welfare of the individual player above the winning of the game.
- Not consume / use any unapproved substances on or adjacent to the playing and training areas. This includes cigarettes, alcohol, chewing tobacco, or drugs (other than those legally prescribed by a physician).
- Seek medical advice when determining when an injured player can return to training or competition.
- Not criticise other teams, supporters or officials, by word or gesture.
- Control my temper. I recognise that swearing or verbal abuse of umpires will not be tolerated.
- Not criticise players in front of spectators, parents or other teams.
- Ensure all players have approximately equal time on the diamond.
- Set a good example in my personal appearance and behaviour.
- Encourage my team to hustle on and off the playing field.
- Treat all players with respect at all times. Be fair, considerate, honest and consistent with them.
- Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as harassment towards players, coaches, parents or other officials.
- Be acutely aware of the power that you as an official have with players and other participants and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- Avoid situations which could be regarded as compromising.
- Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- Avoid situations which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.

I understand that the sportsmanship required of me demands that I will:

- Applaud all good plays from either team.
- Never embarrass our opponents.
- Never deliberately provoke a member of the opposing team.
- Will accept the decisions of the umpires as being fair and called to the best of their ability. I will not abuse or ridicule the umpire, or allow my team to do so.
- Will not abuse equipment.
- Enforce the Manly Warringah Junior Baseball League Inc's and Forest Baseball Club Inc's codes of conduct for players and officials.

I understand the requirements of the League and the conduct expected of me as outlined in the commitments expressed above.

I understand that I will be subject to disciplinary action should I breach this agreement.

I am aware that I am ineligible to apply for, undertake or remain in child related employment if I have ever been convicted of a "serious sex offence" as defined in the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998.

I have read and understood the information in relation to the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act and understand my responsibilities and obligations under the Act. I declare that I am not a person prohibited under the Act from undertaking and remaining in child related employment.

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/children/resources.asp>

Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____