

ROVERS RAG



Mt Evelyn
Junior Football Club
2019 Player/Parent Handbook

PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Abide and play by the rules of the game and the rules set down by the League, your Club and Coach.
2. Never argue with an Official, do not question Officials and Umpires judgment and never question their honesty.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of Officials or other Players, and/or deliberately distracting an opponent is not accepted or permitted in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes.
Your involvement is to play for fun and enjoyment and winning is only part of it. Be a good sport; applaud all good plays whether they are from your Team, your opponent or the other Team.
6. Treat all Players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Always conduct yourself in a manner that is
expected of your Team mates, your Club or your Family.
7. Co-operate with your Coach and Team mates and respect the ability of your opponents. Without them there would be no game.
 8. Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of unsporting behaviour rather than make such incidents the 'highlight' of the game.
 9. Players must not assault, or attempt to assault an Umpire, another Player, Officials or Spectators.
 10. Be proud to walk off the ground after each game, knowing that you have given your best effort and never involve yourself in an argument with opposing Players, Umpires or Officials.

We expect that our players, parents & officials will exhibit appropriate behaviour at all times during matches, training sessions & social events.

SPECTATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Children play organized sport for fun and to learn the Game. They are not playing for the entertainment of Spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
2. Applaud good performances and efforts from each Team. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.

3. Respect the Officials' decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the Children to do likewise.
4. Never ridicule or scold a Child for making a mistake during competition. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by Spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players.
6. Show respect to your Teams' opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage Players to follow the rules and the Officials' decisions.
8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing Players, Coaches or Officials.

ALL COACHES AND TEAM OFFICIALS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT AS ADOPTED BY THE MT. EVELYN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. If children are interested, encourage them to participate. However, if a Child is not willing, do not force him or her.
2. Focus on the Child's efforts and performance rather than overall outcome of the game. This assists the Child in setting a realistic goal related to his or her ability by removing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach Children that an honest effort is as important as a victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage Children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a Child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember Children are involved in organized sport for their enjoyment, not yours alone.
7. Remember that Children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all Teams.
8. If you disagree with an Official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels (via your Child's Club which then can bring it to the attention of the ruling body) rather than question the Official's judgment and honesty in public.
9. Remember that most Officials give their time and effort for your Child's involvement.
10. Support effort to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

Recognize the value and importance of volunteer Coaches. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities and deserve your support

TRAINING

Training occurs on both Upper and Lower ovals.

Players are expected to be on time and to appropriately. Long shorts are not to be worn.

Team jumpers are not to be worn under any circumstances- training t-shirts are available for purchase

Parents are encouraged to be present at training sessions with their child's team.

If you are unable to attend training, please notify the Team Manager as soon as possible.

COACHING POLICY

The objective of the coaches appointed to the MEJFC is to achieve the following:

- Develop players ability, awareness and skills generally for AFL Football
- Develop players general confidence as people being part of a Club
- Maintain the Values of our Club, and players respect for these Values
- Ensuring the players have fun with their sport and do not lose interest in Australian Rules Football.

All teams Under 13 and below remains participation based, the aim will be to give all players equal game time where possible.

Consideration should be taken to improve all players by giving them exposure in the backline, midfield and forward areas of the field. It is expected that players will train each week, to assist with coaches allocating game time appropriately.

The focus in this age group is to follow the coaching curriculum. This is heavily based around teaching and reinforcing basic skills for all players, coaches may utilise their own drills to assist with teaching and learning.

All teams Under 14 age group and above have a more competitive based focus, this will not detract from the coaching curriculum.

The focus again is to teach players all the required skills, tactics and personal developments to improve as footballers and people. These age groups will allow for team selection's and balance to be flexible from week to week, all players must be afforded the opportunity to play at least two full quarters per game, provided they have attended training to the teams expectations. Whilst being sensitive to players with lesser ability, it is not expected that all players will be given equal game time.

Team Numbers (Match Day Policy)

If a team has more than 24 players, the coach can elect to limit the number of players per game, via a team roster; this will be done in conjunction with the coaching Coordinator and committee prior to the start of the season.

In the case or absence on game day, it shall be at the coach's discretion as to who will be chosen to fill in the vacant player's position on game day.

Every player will be selected provided they attended the required training sessions, players are expected to follow the club's player handbook guidelines and follow team rules.

If a player shows potential, the player may be invited to play in a higher age group if it is considered it will help to improve and develop the player and their skills. This will only be done after discussion between the coaches of the respective teams and after consultation with the player's parents and the player.

The coach shall roster players for finals games as the coach feels is appropriate, with the aim that all players shall be given an opportunity to play in a finals game during the course of the final's series where possible, taking into account:

- Attendance, participation and commitment to training during the home and away season
- Injuries
- Team balance

Any player who is rostered off and not playing in the upcoming finals game will be notified, along with the player's parents on the last training session before the game.

Any players who is not selected for any game is to be encouraged to attend the game and support the team.

PARENTAL/PLAYER CONCERNS

It is important that any concern you have with the club or your child's team is brought to the attention of your Team Manager or Executive Committee member as soon as possible.

GAME TIMES

Game Times are determined and set by the League.
MEJFC will make the Fixtures/ game times available when they are received.

TRAINERS

Qualified trainers attend all home and away matches with your child's team. Should there be any issues with your child's health please notify your Team Manager as soon as possible. Please provide written medical information where necessary.

YOUR TEAM

Team Manager

Each team has a Team Manager appointed who performs many tasks including the match day organisation and distribution of information.

Please support these hard-working individuals as much as you can. They can be recognized on match days by their yellow arm bands.

The name & phone number of your Team Manager will be given to you as soon as possible.

MATCH DAYS DUTY ROSTER

On match day your Team Manager will require people to perform tasks such as goal umpire, time keeper, water carrier & runner.

At the beginning of the season a roster will be drawn up and you will be required to help with one of these tasks. If you are interested in performing one of these duties on a regular basis, please make yourself known to your Team Manager or Coach as soon as possible.

We welcome and encourage any and all help on Game Day

Notify your coach or Team Manager as soon as possible if you are unable to fulfill your Match Day duty- we appreciate as much notice as possible.

All regular volunteers who have weekly duty will be required to have and carry a Current Working with Children's Card.

VOTES

At the end of the year, participation awards are given to all players, except those who receive one of the six individual trophies awarded to each team. The Best & Fairest and Runner Up Best & Fairest Awards are decided via a weekly voting system, while the other four awards are decided by the coach & may or may not be related to the number of votes scored.

FOOTBALL BOOTS

Players will require football boots. Any Purchase made at Rebel Sport please mention the Mount Evelyn Junior Football Club will gain credits for the club for the purchase of training equipment.

Footy boots are not to be worn in the social clubrooms.

MOUTHGUARDS

For safety reasons, the club recommends that every player wear a fitted mouthguard.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in the clubrooms, under the main awning, anywhere within 10 metres of the oval during games and training sessions.

Alcohol

The Victorian Country Football League Division is alcohol free. Therefore, there is to be no alcohol consumed at junior games or during training sessions.

ON THE GROUND

Only the coach, Coaches Assistant, Team Manager, Runner, Water Carrier (not currently Permitted due to COVID) & Trainer are allowed inside the fence (including the coaches box) during play. No spectator is permitted to enter the ground during play for any reason. NO Parents are allowed on the ground at any time, Half time huddles. will be positioned against the boundary to allow spectators to hear from the sideline. This is also due to Covid.

Only team Managers are allowed to approach the umpires.

UNIFORM

Team Jumpers

Each player who has paid his/ her fees receives a team jumper, which is to be used for the entire season. When a player ceases playing for the season (on or before the last game) the jumper is to be returned to the club.

Cleaning the jumper each week is the responsibility of the player. Should unreasonable damage be caused to a jumper outside Sun- day games, the cost of repairs will be charged to the player. Team

SOCKS, SHORTS & MERCHANDISE

Please visit our website to purchase online merchandise may be available at selected games.

GENERAL

Players may not wear t-shirts or other clothing (such as boxer shorts) which shows under their uniform on game day. Players who choose to wear skins under their footy shorts must wear skin-colored only. Fingernails must be trimmed below the top of the fingertip.

CANTEEN ROSTER

The canteen, run at all home matches, is a major source of income for the club and is essential in order to keep fees down. We roster the family of each player on once or twice a season at a home game and believe this is little to ask considering the benefit of the income is shared by all players. Please be diligent about attending at your rostered time and be sure to contact the canteen coordinator or your Team Manager should an emergency require that you swap your rostered time.

If you fail to perform your allocated duties without reasonable excuse or notification your child may not participate in a subsequent game.

CANTEEN RULES

For health and safety and insurance reasons, certain rules must apply to the canteen area.

- No children are allowed in the canteen.
- Only those people preparing or serving food will be permitted in the canteen.
- All sales are to be made through the canteen window.

TEAM NIGHTS

During the season there will be several social activities for the players either after, or in place of, training. These events are great for developing team unity and as they are provided at no cost to the players, we strongly encourage your child's involvement.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Mt Evelyn Junior Football Club Inc. (hereafter referred to as MEJFC) recognizes the growing reliance on information technology and the internet for communication within the local and broader football community.

Electronic communication such as email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, social media including Facebook, Messenger) are now all vital parts of the communication mix for community football leagues, clubs and their constituents.

When used appropriately, these modes of communication offer effective ways to share information easily, often in fun and novel ways, which helps save time and effort for volunteers and administrators.

Inappropriate Use of Electronic Communication

MEJFC encourages the membership, players and club officials to optimize technology and use electronic forms of communication. Management and club officials themselves use forms of these modes for daily communication of club activities, events and for contacting players and parents.

Due to a number of factors, electronic communication can sometimes lead to anti-social, inappropriate and illegal behaviour and activity. When such negative behaviour or activity occurs within the context of a football community, the outcome can be devastating to a football league, club or individuals.

MEJFC is concerned about the increasing number of incidents relating to the inappropriate use of electronic communication.

Any member, player, parent or individual who feels that they have been the victims of inappropriate electronic communication may report the matter in writing to MEJFC administration, along with any evidence (such as printouts) of the offending material.

MEJFC shall then investigate the matter and, upon investigation, has the power to either deal with the matter itself or refer the matter to AFL Yarra Ranges for assessment, guidance and advice in relation to appropriate actions inline with AFL Yarra Ranges policy.

Matter which are perceived to be more serious may be reported to the police.

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP

Fundraising is very important to the successful running of the club as it provides essential income. We are anxious to find people who would be interested in assisting with or organizing fundraising activities. Contact a Committee member for more information

DONATIONS

All those who donate items or money to the club are recognized as Sponsors and receive benefits for that sponsorship.

Throughout the year the club requires donations, such as:

- Money to pay for trophies
- Encouragement Awards
- Prizes for raffles & fundraising nights

Consider whether your family, your business, or someone you know, would be in a position to donate any of these items. Every little bit helps!
Contact a Committee member for more information

MAJOR SPONSORS

We have several opportunities for businesses that wish to make larger contributions to the club.

EVENTS

During the season there will be several fundraising events, particularly social events & raffles. Please give these activities your fullest support as every bit of money raised goes back into the club in the form of equipment & reduced costs to players.

WEBSITE

Check our website for Updates.

www.mountevelynjfc.com

PRESENTATION DAY/NIGHT

At the conclusion of the season a Presentation Day will be held, which is included in the registration fees.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting is held at the close of the season

GROUND LOCATIONS

Club	Address	Melway Ref
Belgrave	Reserve Road, Belgrave	75 D12 Emerald
	Worrell Reserve, Main Rd	127 G3
Gembrook/Cockatoo	Mountain Road Reserve	311 J3
Healesville	Queens Park, Don Road	278 D1
Monbulk	Monbulk Reserve, Moores Rd	124 J1
Olinda	Olinda Reserve	66 K7
Seville	Monbulk-/Seville Road	119 K11
Upwey-Tecoma	Talaskia Reserve, Talaskia Road	74 G7
Wandin	Wandin North Reserve Clegg Road	119 C12
Wesburn	Wesburn Park, Old Warburton Road	289 C9
Woori Yallock	Woori Reserve Healesville-Kooweerup Rd	286 F12
Yarra Glen	Yarra Glen Reserve & Showgrounds	275 C2
Yarra Junction	Yarra Junction Reserve Main Street	288 E7

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•Team Song•

We are the boys/ girls from
Evelyn A good old mountain
town

Win, lose or draw we do our
best And we're never down

We're not a team of
champions We are a
champion team

We take 'em on from near
and far We're the mighty
M.E.R!