



Wyong Roos Code of Conduct

Introduction:

Rugby League is a game for everyone, irrespective of age, race, religion and gender. Rugby League and Wyong Roos are about being inclusive, positive, supportive and disciplined.

The Wyong Roos code of conduct sets the standard of behaviour expected of all our participants and is designed to ensure every person participating in rugby league as a Coach, Manager, League Safe Trainer, Sports Trainer, Club Official, Match Official, Volunteer, player or spectator is able to enjoy the game, in a safe, positive and supportive environment.

All participants are expected to abide by the below expectations and set an example that highlights Wyong Roos in a professional manner and provides a positive experience for all.

General Principles

All participants are encouraged and expected to:

- Demonstrate positive acts of sportsmanship, whilst discouraging all instances of illegal or foul play
- Discourage all and any acts of violence either on or off the field
- Be respectful to all participants including opposition players, officials and especially match officials such as referees and touch judges
- Do not engage in behaviour that is considered racist, homophobic or promotes an intolerance to another person based upon gender, ability/disability or religion.
- Be a positive example at all times, do not engage in bullying or harassment of any sort or by any means (i.e. social media, emails, personal messages etc)
- Uphold and respect the laws of the game.

Officials

- Act in a professional manner at all times whilst representing the Wyong Roos
- Ensure coaches, coaching staff and parents are aware the players play rugby league for their personal enjoyment, not for the self-satisfaction of them
- Ensure all activities are undertaken in a safe and encouraging manner, supporting all participants
- Be impartial, consistent, objective, supportive and well mannered
- Do not engage or involve yourself in verbal confrontation with any coaches, team officials, players, parents or spectators during play (set a great example)
- Avoid all situations they may be a conflict of interest on or off the field
- Condemn all instances of unsportsmanlike, illegal, foul play (both at training and game day)
- Ensure adequate supervision is maintained at all games (officials to be suitably experienced to undertake tasks such as ground manager).

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Coaches

- Players are playing for their own enjoyment and development, DO NOT make coaching about yourself or your desires
- Make sure all players regardless of ability receive the same amount of participation in games/training drills and are afforded the same level of enjoyment. DO NOT overuse a more talented player/s, treat all players as equal.
- Set a positive example by obeying the rules and ensuring all players follow the rules themselves
- Always put the health, safety and well-being of the player before the game. Show concern and caution towards any sick or injured player.
- Demonstrate and develop a culture of respect for all participants, do not question the integrity of the match officials, be respectful to all opposition players and officials. DO NOT engage in verbal exchanges with any parents, players, officials or match officials – ALWAYS BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL TO THE PLAYERS
- Keep abreast of updated and sound coaching principles and make skills/drills appropriate to the players age and level of development – THIS IS NOT THE NRL

Players

- At all times play the game by the rules, do not engage in unsportsmanlike behaviour, illegal or foul play
- Play rugby league for your own enjoyment
- Respect all match officials, opposition players, officials and your own teammates
- Control your temper – violence or verbal abuse of anyone is NOT acceptable
- Do not bully or harass anyone else, players, officials or spectators
- The referee's decision is final, RESPECT it.
- Do not engage in disrespectful behaviour of any sort, DO NOT taunt, sledge, swear, make offensive comments (racial, homophobic or otherwise) – these behaviours will NOT be tolerated.

Parents and Spectators

- Remember rugby league is a game of fun, let the players enjoy the game
- Condemn all acts of violence, abuse or illegal acts on and off the field
- Do Not get involved in abusing or sledging other spectators, match officials, club officials or players – this conduct will NOT be tolerated.
- Be a good role model to all involved in the game. Be respectful, polite and courteous to all volunteers, players, match officials and club officials. Abuse, bullying, harassment, intimidation or assault on any other person will not be tolerated.
- Demonstrate a positive enjoyment of the game, encourage and applaud all positive acts on the field
- Encourage the players to play by the rules and respect the match officials, opposition and their own teammates.
- Always follow any instructions or directions given to you by a club official – do not ARGUE
- DO NOT attend a Wyong Roos game whilst unduly affected by alcohol or other illicit substance, never bring alcohol or illicit substances to a Wyong Roos game.

Any breaches to the above Code of Conduct could result in serious sanctions.

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