

NWFL DEMERIT POINTS – JUNIOR COACHES

The North West Football League (NWFL) continues to promote good behaviour from our coaches and officials. Junior football is for the enjoyment of the players and to continue to develop them as children/teenagers/young adults. This demerit point system is for all Under-age and Colts coaches.

a. All coaches are accountable in maintaining the spirit of the game through effective player management. A coach has the second most influence on his players behaviour on-field, the most influential being the player himself. Where a player, coach or official commits an offence detrimental to football or a reportable offence, the coach of the offending person's team shall receive a demerit point in accordance with the following.

- **1 point** for each card given to a player in their team.
- **1 point** for inappropriate behaviour/language from their team bench.
- **1 point** for any reported poor official behaviour.
- **2 points** for each melee involving their team.
- **3 points** for each reportable offence of which a player in their team is found guilty.

The Junior Match Committee and/or the Match Review Officer reserve the right to issue demerit points for any other actions not listed that could potentially bring the game of Australian Football or the NWFL into disrepute.

- b. (i) Where a coach accumulates 10 demerit points or more within the current season, they shall be met with by the relevant match committee to discuss the reason a coach has accumulated so many points. Potential sanctions may also be handed down, including suspensions, fines or any further coaching training a coach may need to complete prior to returning to coaching.
- (ii) At their absolute discretion and without giving reason, the Executive may not approve an application for reinstatement, or may apply additional conditions for an application for reinstatement to be approved.

Reporting of incidents are in the hands of team managers and match managers. Any card given to a player needs to be recorded on the team sheet by BOTH team managers, any reported melee needs to be also reported either by umpire or incident report sheet. **Failure by clubs/team managers to report any misdemeanours that are worthy of points may incur a sanction.**

We require all clubs to address this with their Coaches as a matter of urgency and would advise the clubs and coaches to circulate to parents and players so that everyone is aware of the consequences of any misbehaviour. Any further misbehaviour may fall under the Supporters/Coaches or Players Code of Conduct which is agreed to when registering and will be dealt with by the NWFL Board.