



EAST BRIGHTON VAMPIRE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

East Brighton Vampire Football Club embraces and welcomes all people, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexuality or cultural background. The primary objective of all Coaches is to maximise the enjoyment, development and potential of each individual player within the structure and objectives of the team. This is achieved in a nurturing and positive environment that aims to provide the player and family with a positive social and football experience.

The club celebrates diversity and demands equality, and also respects the rights of individuals to make their own personal choices and form their own opinions.

- Winning is not the primary objective of the club. The club considers winning as a potential outcome;
- It is accepted the club aims to field competitive sides with the players who display a healthy competitive spirit. This spirit is defined as trying ones best whilst displaying respect and tolerance for others. Including but not limited to Umpires, opposition players, officials and of course our own teammates and officials.
- Coaches as leaders are, above all, required to model the behaviour and attitudes that enhance the enjoyment of the sport for all involved.
- Taking into account the physical maturity, skill level and game sense of the player, Coaches will aim to support players in the following areas:
 - ◆ Development of skills;
 - ◆ Development and knowledge of team play and tactics within the game;
 - ◆ Increased knowledge of positional play;
 - ◆ Nurture and develop decision making ability through game related training exercises;
 - ◆ Foster personal development including leadership, self-esteem and social skills.
- To assist players in their development coaches will give the opportunity for players who attend training to practice what they learn at training by ensuring players have a meaningful amount of game time. Coach's discretion will be applied in the case of injury, fatigue or poor attitude.
- The meaning of "development" may change in the context of positional rotation as players progress through the age groups. In the junior years it is important the players experience the challenge of playing in as many positions as possible. This will introduce players to the different requirements of each position and assist Coaches in matching the individual to the suitable positions in years to come. As players progress through the years Coaches

will give greater consideration to the player's size, strength, skill level and game sense when rotating players' positions. This may result in players playing in fewer positions however this will enhance the opportunity for the coach to help the player develop their knowledge of positional play and assist in developing the individual.

- All coaches are committed to the continued development of their coaching knowledge and methods with full support from the Club providing for the betterment of the team and their own coaching experience.
- The East Brighton Vampire Junior Football Club view player safety as paramount. It is the responsibility of the coaching staff in conjunction with the team's suitably qualified trainer either personally or via delegation to ensure the following:
 - ◆ The grounds are checked before play for possible dangers (eg glass etc);
 - ◆ Players are wearing appropriate protective equipment (eg mouthguards);
 - ◆ Players are monitored for signs of fatigue and rested where necessary;
 - ◆ Appropriate medical attention is rendered as a priority should an injury occur;
 - ◆ Children are not subjected to physical or verbal abuse from any player, parent or spectator.