



**South Metro Junior Football League (SMJFL)**  
**COACHING ACCREDITATION POLICY**  
**Version 3.0**

<b>POLICY NAME</b>	Coaching Accreditation Policy
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<b>POLICY COVERAGE</b>	This policy applies to all relevant SMJFL members
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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Recently the AFL has undertaken a review of all its coach education programs, including the reaccreditation process and regional coach support.

The AFL have developed a centralised Coach.AFL learning management system which includes a national membership database, high quality interactive coach resources, online coach education courses for all levels of coaching and a number of member benefits. Coach.AFL will be an exclusive resource centre providing a range of learning opportunities for all AFL accredited coaches

### **I.1. Definitions**

For the purpose of this policy, SMJFL Members means: South Metro Junior Football League Member Clubs, staff, coaches, officials, players and any other volunteers.

## **2. PURPOSE**

This policy provides a detailed outline of the South Metro Junior Football League's (SMJFL) requirement for all SMJFL coaches to obtain and hold a coaching accreditation to be qualified to perform the role of a Coach or Assistant Coach at an SMJFL member club.

The aim of the SMJFL Coaching Accreditation Policy is to ensure there is a shared understanding amongst all SMJFL members of the SMJFL's expectations regarding all coaching accreditations.

## **3. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all SMJFL Members or any individual holding a position as Coach or Assistant Coach at an SMJFL member club.

If an SMJFL member is unsure if the following policy is applicable, they should direct any enquiries to their member club.

## 4. COACHING ACCREDITATIONS

### 4.1. New Coaches

All SMJFL members undertaking a coaching accreditation for the first time will be required to complete the following compulsory requirements to be recognised as an accredited coach;

- Create a profile on Coach.AFL and complete contact details
- Payment of annual fee of \$49.50
- Accept and agree to the Coach's Code of Conduct (Annual acceptance required)
- Complete online Foundation Course specific to the age of the playing group (senior, youth or junior), including the concussion module & mental health module
- Attend a Face-to-Face foundation workshop

Existing Coach (Expired Accreditation)	Compulsory	Points when Completed
Mental Health online course	Yes	2 points
Seminar/Masterclass	Optional	2 points
Face to Face Coaching Workshop	Yes**	4 points
Actively coached in 2020	Optional	6 points
	<b>Points Required to Coach the 2021 Season</b>	0 Points*

\*Due to the impact of Novel Coronavirus on the 2020 season coach accreditation points will not be required for the 2021 re-accreditation process

\*\* Due to the impact of Novel Coronavirus on the 2020 season, this is subject to courses being scheduled by AFL Victoria.

### 4.2. Reaccrediting Coaches (recently expired accreditation)

All SMJFL members who are an existing coach with a recently expired accreditation (end of previous year) will be required to reaccredit by completing the following compulsory requirements to be recognised as an accredited coach;

- Create a profile on Coach.AFL and complete contact details
- Payment of annual fee of \$49.50
- Accept and agree to the Coach's Code of Conduct (Annual acceptance required)
- Complete an online module on mental health
- Attend a Face-to-Face foundation workshop **[optional]**

Note: Existing coaches can still attend Face-to-Face foundation workshops, but these won't be compulsory, but once completed will contribute points to a coach's eligibility to reaccredit for the following season.

Existing Coach (Expired Accreditation)	Compulsory	Points when Completed
Mental Health online course	Yes	2 points
Seminar/Masterclass	Optional	2 points
Face to Face Coaching Workshop	Optional	4 points
Actively coached in 2020	Optional	6 points
<b>Points Required to Coach the 2021 Season</b>		0 Points

*\*Due to the impact of Novel Coronavirus on the 2020 season coach accreditation points will not be required for the 2021 re-accreditation process*

#### 4.3. Existing Coaches (current accreditation valid)

All SMJFL members who are an existing coach with 1 or 2 years left on their accreditation will be required to complete the following compulsory requirements to be recognised as an accredited coach;

- Create a profile on Coach.AFL and complete contact details
- No payment required
- Accept and agree to the Coach's Code of Conduct (Annual acceptance required)
- Complete an online module on mental health
- Attend a Face-to-Face foundation workshop **[optional]**

Note: All coaches are encouraged to attend workshops, seminars, forums etc. and these will not be compulsory but are important for coaching development.

Existing Coach (Expired Accreditation)	Compulsory	Points when Completed
Mental Health online course	Yes	2 points
Seminar/Masterclass	Optional	2 points
Face to Face Coaching Workshop	Optional	4 points
Actively coached in 2020	Optional	6 points
<b>Points Required to Coach the 2021 Season</b>		0 Points

*\*Due to the impact of Novel Coronavirus on the 2020 season coach accreditation points will not be required for the 2021 re-accreditation process*

#### 4.4. Reaccreditation process for all coaches from 2020 onwards

*\*Due to the impact of Novel Coronavirus on the 2020 season coach accreditation points will not be required for the 2021 re-accreditation process*

In alignment with the introduction of Coach.AFL and the development of a new National Coaching Strategy, coaches will be engaged in ongoing learning and development that will include the accrual of Coach Development Points. In order to re-accredit for 2021 onwards, coaches will be required to accrue **10 Coach Development Points**. These points can be accrued through a combination of:

- Actively Coaching (6 points)
- Completion of an Online Course (2 points)
- Attendance at a Seminar/Masterclass (2 points)
- Attendance at a Face to Face Coaching Workshop (4 points)

4.4.1. Coaches who did not actively coach in 2019 whose accreditation expires at the end of 2019 can accrue, 6 Coach Development Points by completing the online Foundation Course (provided that they have not previously completed this course)

#### 4.5. Junior and Youth Coaching Accreditations

The Foundation online courses are applicable to senior, youth and junior age groups. If an individual is coaching more than one age group, they will need to complete a Foundation course for each different age group.

4.5.1. Junior coaching accreditations are compulsory for the following individuals in a coaching role;

- All coaches for teams U8 – U12;
- All assistant coaches for teams U11 – U12 (including under 12 girls).

4.5.2. Youth coaching accreditations are compulsory for an individual acting in roles;

- All coaches for teams U13+;
- All assistant coaches for teams U13+

4.5.3. New coaches who will be coaching both Junior (U8 – U12) teams and Youth (U13+) teams will need to complete the Junior and/or Youth Foundation online courses and attend the Junior and/or Youth workshops

4.5.3.1. Existing Coaches (Clauses 4.2 & 4.3) will only need to complete the relevant online courses

4.5.4. New Assistant Coaches who will be coaching both Junior (U11 – U12) teams and Youth (U13+) teams will need to complete the Junior and/or Youth Foundation online courses and attend the Junior and/or Youth workshops

4.5.4.1. Existing Assistant Coaches (Clauses 4.2 & 4.3) will only need to complete the relevant online courses

## **5. RELATED DOCUMENT & LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

This policy must be read in conjunction with:

5.1.1. SMJFL documentation including but not limited to:

5.1.1.1. [SMJFL By-Laws](#)

5.1.2. AFL communication including but not limited to:

5.1.2.1. [National Coaching Strategy](#)

5.1.2.2. [Coaching Portal Launch](#)

## **6. POLICY BREACHES**

6.1. Any breaches of this policy are subject to but not limited to the SMJFL Disciplinary Policy and the affiliated SMJFL Member Club may be penalised.

6.2. The Chief Executive Officer has authority to determine the severity of the breach and discipline as they see fit.

## **7. REVIEW PROCESS**

7.1. This policy will be reviewed by the SMJFL Board on an annual basis.

7.2. SMJFL Members can provide feedback or suggestions to improve this policy by contacting the SMJFL CEO.

## APPENDIX A – COACHING ACCREDITATION

The following image outlines the Coaches identified in 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 and provides a visual description of the SMJFL and the AFL's requirements for a coach to be accredited.

### CATEGORY 1 NEW COACHES

(Accrediting for first time or expired 31/12/2018 or prior)



#### COMPULSORY

- Online profile on portal
- Payment of annual fee (\$49.50)
- Accept Coach's Code of Conduct
- Online Foundation course
- Online modules on concussion & mental health
- Attend face to face Workshop

#### OPTIONAL

- Further online courses for coach development

### CATEGORY 2 EXISTING COACHES

(Recently Expired Accreditation 31/12/2019 ONLY)



#### COMPULSORY

- Online profile on portal
- Payment of annual fee (\$49.50)
- Accept Coach's Code of Conduct
- Online Mental Health course\*

#### OPTIONAL

- Attend face to face Workshop
- Further online courses for coach development

### CATEGORY 3 EXISTING COACHES

(Current Accreditation Valid)



#### COMPULSORY

- Online profile on portal
- NO Payment required
- Accept Coach's Code of Conduct
- Online Mental Health course\*

#### OPTIONAL

- Attend face to face Workshop
- Further online courses for coach development

*\*Foundation (Level 1) coaches that did not obtain the required amount of 10 Coaching Development Points by 31 December 2019 will be required to complete additional Foundation Coaching Course Modules specific to the age group they are coaching when renewing in 2020.*

**ALL** coaches will register to their community club/s via Coach.AFL. Coaches must select the club/team they are coaching in their Coaching Profile when renewing or accrediting for the first time. This selection of club registers them for the 2020 season.

**Please note: As stated in this Policy, the SMJFL have made it compulsory that all new coaches need to attend a Face to Face Workshop to complete their Coaching Accreditation**