

# Donvale Dunkers Agreement

## - Future Dunkers Assistant Coach (U18)



This document serves to acknowledge the unique situation of a person who is under 18 years of age and wishing to contribute to the development of a Donvale Dunkers Basketball team.

*For the purpose of clarity, we will use the term Skills Trainer to indicate that this role does not carry the same legal responsibility as an adult performing largely the same duties. As an under 18 person cannot obtain a Working With Children's Check, it is important that the adults around these young people are aware of the legal limitations and requirements to ensure that all teams are properly supervised in line with our Child Safety Policy.*

### **Before Appointing a Future Dunkers Ass. Coach, the Club considers**

- Age-wise, it is preferable that the FD coach is in Year 8 at school, with at least 2 seasons of playing experience with Dunkers, to ensure they have a good grasp of the fundamentals of the game and the ethos of the Club. They also need to display an appropriate level of maturity suitable for this role. We are mindful of the need to have an appropriate gap between the ages of the players and the Skills Trainer, to avoid any confusion between roles. Ultimately it is up to the Club to officially appoint a player to this position.
- The FD Head Coach will provide instruction to help the FD Assistant Coach learn the full range of aspects of coaching, including demonstrating skills, encouraging and assisting players in drills and conversations with parents.

### **Important Notes**

- Before the FD Assistant Coach can commence working with the FD program, the appropriate Agreement must be signed as well as the Member Protection Declaration to ensure Child Safety guidelines are being followed.
- The FD Assistant Coach is not to take responsibility for player behaviour management. The Head Coach will deal with any issues with participants or parents.
- It would be at the discretion of the Club, and on a case-by-case basis, as to whether the arrangement is continued for future FD seasons.
- Before moving into a Skills Trainer or Junior Coach role, they would ideally have completed one or more seasons in a FD Assistant Coach role under the direct supervision of the Head Coach. This would give the Club confidence that they have the required skills, maturity and minimum experience for other roles, as well as some practice in communicating with the players and parents as needed.

### **Future Dunkers Assistant Coach Duties**

The Assistant Coach should:

- Turn up on time – this is communicated prior to commencement of the role.
- Liaise with the Coach on all matters relating to players.
- Assist with the Coach's objective to ensure that all players are afforded an opportunity to develop their skills.
- Assist to maintain a safe and encouraging environment for players during training.
- Due to their age, and inability to obtain a Working With Children's Check, the following steps should be taken.
  - Complete a Member Protection Declaration
  - Watch the Child Safety video provided by the Club.
- Adhere to the MEBA and Club Codes of Conduct at all times

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### Agreement with the Club relating to Child Safety

This acknowledgement must be signed by all parties to indicate an understanding of, and agreement to conduct all matters within the proper supervision requirements of the Club.

Acknowledgment by Club President or Co-Ordinator	Signature	Season Date
Future Dunker Ass. Coach Name	Name	Signature
	Phone number	Email address
Skills Trainer Parent	Name	Signature
	Phone number	Email address
Future Dunker Head Coach Name	Name	Signature
	Working With Children Check Number	Expiry Date
	Phone number	Email address