



Coolbinia Bombers Junior Football Club

MOUTHGUARD POLICY

Background

Every year thousands of people are treated for dental injuries that could have been avoided by wearing a protective, custom-fitted mouthguard. Wearing a custom-fitted mouthguard helps to absorb and spread the impact of a blow to the face, which may otherwise result in an injury to the mouth or jaw. Dental injuries can result in time off school or work to recover, can be painful and disfiguring, may involve lengthy and complex dental treatment. The cost of an injury to the teeth or jaw far exceeds the cost of a mouthguard.

Types of Mouthguards

Custom-fitted mouthguards

Custom fitted mouthguards are superior to over the counter mouthguards and are made from a dental impression and a plaster model of the teeth. They provide the best protection fit and comfort for all levels of sport.

Over-the-counter (boil and bite) mouthguards

These mouthguards include stock mouthguards that do not require fitting, and mouthguards that can be placed in hot water and then self-fitted by biting into them. These offer less protection, can dislodge during play. Whilst accepted under this policy they are not recommended.

Policy

- Mouthguards are mandatory and are required to be worn by all CBJFC players from Year 2 and above during both training and games.
- In the interests of safety the club will operate a strict 'No Mouthguard, No Play' policy.
- Coaches and Managers will be responsible for enforcing this policy and will be directed to actively check all players for compliance and remove non-complying players from training or game environments until such time as they comply.
- The club's priority is to deliver the highest standards of safety on and off the field at all times.
- The policy is recommended but not mandatory for Auskick players Year 1 and below, as well as the club's Starkick participants.
- By registering your child with the Club you agree to abide by this policy.