



Player Code of Conduct

Players are bound by the following Code of Conduct on game day and during training or other Club activities.

Summary for Players

- Play in accordance with the Laws of the game.
- Never argue with an Official. If you disagree with a decision, you should ask the Team Manager to raise the matter at an appropriate time.
- Respect all participants' rights, dignity, and worth, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion. Treat them as you would like to be treated.
- Don't take part in any form of bullying on or off the field.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether made by your team or the opposition.
- Control your temper. It is unacceptable to verbally abuse or sledge Officials or Players. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Cooperate with your coaches, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Be prepared to be responsible for your actions.

Detailed Code of Conduct

- Play in accordance with the Laws of the game including (but not limited to):
 - avoid striking, kicking, kneeing, stomping on, charging, scratching, tripping, spitting at, wrestling, pinching another person (or attempting to do so), or any other inappropriate or unsporting behaviour;
 - refraining from rough conduct or forceful contact with, head butting, eye-gouging or making contact to the face of an opponent (or attempting to do so); and
 - abstaining from abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language or behaviour.
- Respect the Umpires and other Officials including (but not limited to):
 - accepting decisions of the Umpire without dispute;
 - accepting directions and requests made by team and other Officials without argument; and
 - encouraging teammates to behave in a like manner.



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- Encourage a safe, friendly and fun environment for all Players, Officials, parents and spectators including (but not limited to):
 - controlling your temper and playing attitude;
 - refraining from sledging, bullying and other inappropriate discriminatory behaviour, unnecessary and aggressive physical activity;
 - focussing on your own performance and play as a team member;
 - applauding good play and the achievements of other Players, including the opposition;
 - avoiding voicing criticism of or ridiculing others, - including via social media;
 - consulting with your Team Manager or Coach regarding any disagreement with a decision or direction or regarding any inappropriate behaviour;
 - respecting the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing Clubs; and
 - accepting any warning, penalty or punishment imposed without dispute and taking responsibility for your actions.

Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents and supporters/spectators are bound by the following Code of Conduct on game day and during training or other Club activities.

Summary for Parents and Supporters

- Remember that you are there to support all participants of the game.
- Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- Encourage participation and teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical abuse or verbally abusive language in any form is unacceptable.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters/spectators are there to support, not downgrade.
- Never publicly criticise Umpires, rather raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing Clubs.
- Condemn the use of unnecessary physical contact in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic or social media) in respect to the performance of any match Officials, Umpires, Players or any policy decisions of the Club, or AFL Sydney Juniors.



Detailed Code of Conduct

- Support your child and child's team by behaving positively including (but not limited to):
 - encouraging participation, enjoyment and performance equally;
 - providing only positive feedback and recognition for Players' efforts;
 - refraining from instructing, coaching or distracting your child during play or training;
 - abstaining from abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language or behaviour; and
 - avoiding detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic or social media) in respect to the performance of any match Officials, Umpires, Players or any policy decisions of the Club, the Regions or AFL Sydney Juniors.

- Respect the Umpires and other Officials including (but not limited to):
 - accepting decisions of the Umpire without dispute;
 - accepting directions and requests made by Team and other Officials without argument; and
 - encouraging other parents and supporters/spectators to behave in a like manner.

- Encourage a beneficial environment for all Players, Officials, parents and spectators including (but not limited to):
 - controlling your temper and disruptive behaviour;
 - refraining from aggressive barracking, bullying and other inappropriate discriminatory behaviour, unnecessary and aggressive physical activity;
 - applauding good play and the achievements of all players including from the opposing team;
 - avoiding voicing criticism of or ridiculing others in public - especially via social media;
 - consulting the Team Manager or Coach regarding any disagreement with a decision or direction or regarding any inappropriate behaviour;
 - recognising and respecting the efforts of all volunteers;
 - respecting the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing Clubs; and
 - accepting any warning, penalty or punishment imposed without dispute and taking responsibility for your actions.