



AFL TOWNSVILLE CODES OF CONDUCT

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that as an integral component of my accreditation, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game and the players/staff in my care.

In representing myself in an honest manner, and without bringing the coaching profession or the Game into disrepute, I will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of my ability:

1. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, by refraining from any discriminatory practices including, but not limited to, discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnic background, special ability/disability or sexual orientation, preference or identity.
2. I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club and League/Association.
3. I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health and wellbeing.
4. I will be supportive at all times and I will refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
5. I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
6. Where I am responsible for players in the 5-18-year-old age group, I will strive to ensure that all players gain equal playing time. I will avoid overplaying the talented players, aiming to maximise participation, learning and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability.
7. I will stress and monitor safety always.
8. In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training.
9. I will endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my players.
10. I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play.
11. I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
12. I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill-learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win.
13. I reject the use of performance-enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Anti Doping and Illicit Drugs policies.

I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to abide by the AFL Coaches' Code of Conduct.



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PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The Player understands and agrees to:

- (a) participate in matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- (b) respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- (c) display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators;
- (d) never argue with or dispute a decision of an official. If a player disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations, Policies and Determinations;
- (e) control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent;
- (f) comply with the National Member Protection Policy;
- (g) never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- (h) contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly;
- (i) co-operate with their coaches and team-mates;
- (j) participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates;
- (k) respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of the gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- (l) not behave in any way so as to bring the Player, Australian Football, the AFL, the State Body, the League or the Club into disrepute;
- (m) not engage in conduct that is (in the State Body's reasonable opinion), unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Player, the State Body, the League, the Club or Australian Football;
- (n) not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- (o) use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for training, matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams;
- (p) comply with and observe in the AFL Anti-Doping and any relevant Illicit Drugs policies; and
- (q) be responsible for their actions.



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ADMINISTRATION/OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Ensure that rules, equipment and length of matches and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, physicians and participants understand their responsibility regarding fair play.
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principals of good sporting behaviour.



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2. I acknowledge that the AFL, or a body affiliated with the AFL, may take disciplinary action against me if I breach the code of conduct. I understand that the AFL, or a body affiliated with the AFL, is required to implement a complaints-handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against me.

3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include de-registration from the AFL National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performances and efforts by your team and their opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the result.
- Respect official decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach children to do likewise.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a match. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or Players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no match.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules and to obey official decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language, or harassing Players, coaches or officials.

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a match.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse for sporting activities.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
- Respect umpires decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- The consumption of alcohol and smoking is inappropriate at all junior matches.
- Failure to adhere to the code of conduct may result in the withdrawal or suspension of your child's registration.