



Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules – the rules of your Club and the laws of the game.
- Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, players will inform the Club as soon, as is practical.
- Act respectfully toward the officials and players of your own and those of the opposing Club.
- Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and Club officials.
- Treat all players, coaches, umpires and administrators with respect, as you would want them to treat you.
- Never ridicule your fellow team members.
- Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language is unacceptable and brings your Club into disrepute.
- Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may reasonably be held by spectators to be offensive.
- Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club, or the DAFL.
- Abide by the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations and the Competition Rules of the DAFL.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and those of the opposing Club.
- Respect gender, ability, culture, background and religion.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.



Parents & Supporters Code of Conduct

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and spectators.
- Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated and may result in your being asked to leave the vicinity.
- Recognize all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticize umpires, rather raise personal concerns with Club officials in private where matters may be dealt with constructively.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and those of the opposing Club.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable and bring your Club into disrepute.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Abusive language is unacceptable.
- Applaud good performance on both sides.



Coaches Code of Conduct

- Display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings. You are the public face of your Club – make sure to lead by example.
- Teach fair play and good sportsmanship
- Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.
- Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.
- Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game. Teach and interpret the laws of the game to the players, where possible involving the local umpiring body.
- Never ridicule players.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of their involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, special ability/disability, beliefs or opinions.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill.
- Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance at training and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season, including the finals, may be influenced by their training attendance and attitude.
- Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.
- Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare of your players.
- Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
- Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- Abide by the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations and Competition Rules of the DAFL.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable and bring your Club into disrepute.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and those of the opposing Club
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club, the DAFL or AFL Europe.



Administrators Code of Conduct

- Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Australian Football.
- Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators.
- Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of the participants.
- Establish that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique provide adequate supervision.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Assist all participants in Australian Football to know and understand the rules.
- Set a conduct example for others to follow.
- Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club, or the DAFL.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- Abide by the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations and the Competition Rules of the DAFL.



Officials and Umpires Code of Conduct

- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
- Be honest in your assessment of situations.
- Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions. Understand that you will make mistakes and being honest with players to that extent will assist you to earn their respect.
- Develop coping strategies to deal with pressurized situations calmly.
- Condemn deliberate fouls as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour. Utilize these occasions to educate players and coaches on the Laws of the game.
- The health and safety of all participants is the most important reason to be weighed in during the decision making process.
- Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules – keep the ball moving in a fair and safe manner.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of rules as laid down by the AFL, AFL Europe and the DAFL.
- Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable and bring the entire umpiring fraternity into disrepute.
- Emphasise the spirit of the matches rather than the errors.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.



Board & Committee Members Code of Conduct

- Ensure all members understand their duty of care in relation to respect, integrity, transparency and responsibility.
- Ensure we all act in a manner that encourages and attracts people to the game.
- Ensure we all act in a manner that encourages and empowers members to want to be a part of the league and being a part of the team.
- Ensure all members understand their positions within the organisation, how the organisation is structured and how the decision making process functions.
- Ensure we always act in the best interest of the league.
- Set a conduct example for others to follow.
- Ensure behaviour is consistent with the principles of good teamwork amongst members.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Be open and honest in your dealing with individuals, ensuring the integrity the league.
- Board and committee members should involve all members of their groups in discussions, planning, evaluation and decision making related to DAFL boards dealings.
- Board and committee members must maintain integrity in the league by being transparent in their decision making, respecting and listening to ideas from all members.
- Create opportunities and encourage people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators and league members.
- Help club boards and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of club boards and officiating.
- Ensure we do not, carelessly or intentionally, do anything to injure the reputation of others.
- Ensure we manage our internal and external affairs with integrity.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any board or committee member, officials, clubs, coaches, players or any rules or policy decisions of the DAFL.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conducts toward any member, such actions are totally unacceptable.
- Ensure all members, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
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- Assist all participants in Australian Football to know and understand the rules.
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