



Code of Conduct

This *Code of Conduct* is established under Rule 6.3 of the AFL NSW/ACT Rules and is intended to ensure Australian Rules football is a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone. All players, officials, parents and supporters must abide by the *Code of Conduct*. Any person who fails to comply with the *Code of Conduct* will be subject of disciplinary proceedings for a breach of policy under Rule 26 of the AFL NSW/ACT Rules.

PART A – Players & Officials

If you are a Player or Official, you must:

1. Comply with the AFL NSW/ACT Rules and this Code of Conduct
2. Respect the spirit of the *Laws of Australian Football* and fair play, and behave accordingly
3. Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the *Laws of Australian Football*
4. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of your teammates, Coaches and Club Officials
5. Cooperate with your Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates
6. Display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials, parents and spectators
7. Never argue with or dispute a decision of an Official or Umpire, and if you disagree with a decision you must deal with it in accordance with the AFL NSW/ACT Rules or *Laws of Australian Football*
8. Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion and never engage in any act of abuse, vilification or discrimination toward anyone
10. Control your emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of or swearing at or in the vicinity of others, sledging Players and/or Coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent
11. Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field
12. Not engage in any act that may bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, or the League or the Club into disrepute
13. Not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Participant or the Club
14. Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media
15. Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, online postings (including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs)
16. Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams

PART B – Parents and Supporters

If you are a Parent or Supporter, you must:

1. Comply with this Code of Conduct
2. Support the participants and enjoy each match - encourage participation, but don't force it - teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
3. Recognise the significant contribution of volunteers- without this, matches would not happen

4.	Lead by example and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials and other spectators
5.	Recognise that everybody makes mistakes including players, coaches and umpires - never ridicule a mistake or loss
6.	Control your emotions and never engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation or verbal abuse, including sledging and abusive language, toward players, umpires, officials or other spectators
7.	Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly
8.	Recognise that AFL is an inclusive environment - respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion and never engage in any act of abuse, vilification or discrimination toward anyone
9.	Not engage in any form of violence and condemn the use of violence in any form by players, coaches, officials and spectators.
10.	Never publicly criticise an umpire, player or coach – raise any concerns you have with your Club’s officials.
11.	Not enter the field of play during a match unless granted permission by an Official to do so
12.	Not engage in any act that may bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, or the League or the Club into disrepute
13.	Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media
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15.	Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing Clubs

PART C – Acknowledgement

In signing this Code of Conduct you acknowledge that you understand the requirements of you as a player, official, parent or supporter, and that you will abide by these. You acknowledge that if you commit a breach of this Code of Conduct you may be subject of disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the AFL NSW/ACT Rules.

Your Name				Your Club	
Your Signature				Date	
Are you 18 or older?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If ‘No’, your Parents or Guardians are to complete the following
Parent / Guardian Name (1)				Parent / Guardian Name (2)	
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Date Signed				Date Signed	