



Officials Code of Conduct

- 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 (print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or the HFL.
- 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, trainers and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- Remember you are representing your club / league and setting an example to your players, parents and supporters.
- Try to resolve any conflict in a calm, sensible manner (when possible in private)
- Be aware of potential volatile situations at all times and be prepared to deal with them appropriately