

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 are expected to 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*.

<b>PART A</b>		<b>General Code of Conduct Requirements</b>
<b>Comply</b>	1.	Comply with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) this <i>Code of Conduct</i>;</li> <li>(ii) the <i>AFL NSW/ACT Rules</i> ('the Rules');</li> <li>(iii) the <i>AFL Community Football Policy Handbook</i> ('the Policy Handbook');</li> <li>(iv) the <i>Laws of Australian Football</i>; and</li> <li>(v) any other rules or policy formally approved and/or adopted by the AFL from time to time.</li> </ul>
	2.	Comply with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any direction given or procedure imposed by the Controlling Body in accordance with the Rules or the Policy Handbook; and</li> <li>(ii) any sanction imposed by the Controlling Body or Tribunal under the Rules or Policy Handbook.</li> </ul>
	3.	Comply with all relevant laws including anti-discrimination and child protection laws.
<b>Protect</b>	4.	Prioritise the safety and welfare of children.
<b>Respect</b>	5.	Respect the spirit of fair play and behave accordingly, and participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the <i>Laws of Australian Football</i> and the <i>Rules</i>
	6.	Be ethical, fair, honest and respectful in all dealings with other people.
	7.	Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences.
	8.	Recognise that AFL is an inclusive environment and 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 vilification or discrimination toward anyone.
	9.	Recognise and respect the significant contribution of volunteers in our game.
<b>Never</b>	10.	Respect and use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities and equipment provided by the opposing teams.
	11.	Never ridicule any mistake or loss and understand that everyone makes mistakes.
	12.	Never engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation or verbal abuse, including sledging and abusive language, toward another person.
	13.	Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field and condemn the use of violence in any form by another person.
	14.	Never make a threat of violence toward another person or undertake actions that may incite violence toward another person.
	15.	Never publicly criticise a participant – raise any concerns you have with your Club's officials.
	16.	Never engage in conduct that is unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the game of Australian Football, the AFL, the League or the Club into disrepute.
	17.	Never take part in any form of harassment or bullying including via the use of social media.
	18.	Never make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the League or the AFL. 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).

**PART B** Code of Conduct Toward Community Football Umpires

- LIKE players and coaches:
- ✓ Umpires are people and are critical participants in our game.
  - ✓ Umpires have different levels of skill and experience and do the best they can.
  - ✓ Umpires will make many good decisions during a Match and they may also make mistakes or decisions that others don't agree with.
- UNLIKE players and coaches:
- ✗ Umpires, including those under the age of 18, have frequently been subject of unacceptable abuse from people, often adults.

Any person involved in Australian Rules community football must:

<b>Never</b>	1.	Never abuse an Umpire [NOTE: Abuse is defined in the Rule 10.14 as including any language, terminology or behaviour intended to insult, offend, intimidate, threaten or harm an Umpire.]
	2.	Never argue with, ridicule or dispute a decision of an Umpire.
	3.	Never approach an Umpire unless you are a person authorised to do so under the Rules.
	4.	Never make intentional contact with an Umpire on or off the field.
	5.	Never publicly criticize an Umpire - raise any concerns you have with your Club's officials.
<b>Do</b>	6.	Respect the critical and very difficult role that Umpires have in our game.
	7.	Support and encourage all Umpires.
	8.	Always consider the welfare and safety of our Umpires.

**PART C** Declaration

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

Your Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Your Club	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Your Signature	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Date	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
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)	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Parent / Guardian Name (2)	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Parent / Guardian Signature (1)	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Parent / Guardian Signature (2)	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Date Signed	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Date signed	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>