

## 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 SAAFL.

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