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OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Officials of all clubs are bound by the following Officials 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.
- Appoint, train and develop qualified and competent coaches and officials
- 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 laws and 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, umpires, players, or any policy decisions of the club, the PLFL or AFL.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct towards any player, official, umpire or spectator. 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, officials, medical staff and players understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.
- Abide by the rules (including any requirements or restraints applying to any official role such as a Boundary or Goal Umpire).
- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.
- Be honest in your assessment of situations.
- Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn deliberate fouls as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
- The health and safety of the players must be the most important reason to be weighed during the decision-making process.
- Use common sense to ensure the "spirit of the game" for players is not lost when applying the rules and laws.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Ensure you remain up to date with any law changes and/or interpretation of laws.
- See continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- Where acting as a Field, Boundary or Goal Umpire, act at all times in a professional manner, do not barrack or give support to a team, give advice or make comment to the players, other officials or spectators, and under no circumstances approach a Field Umpire, except in relation to your umpiring duties.

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