



APPENDIX A

WFNL FOOTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Western Football Netball League (WFNL) regards violence, discrimination, sexual harassment, bullying and abuse in any form, including online, as unacceptable.

The WFNL believes that all people have the right to work, play and socialise in an environment which is safe and inclusive. In other words, our members (i.e. participants in Australian Football) have the right to be protected from unacceptable conduct whilst participating in our sport.

This document sets out standards, expectations and behaviours that the WFNL requires of all individuals associated with the WFNL.

PLAYERS / UMPIRES CODE OF CONDUCT:

All players (Junior & Senior) within the WFNL must adopt the following values:

- Must not engage in conduct which brings, or is likely to bring, the interests the WFNL into disrepute;
- Must not act in a manner which is, or is likely to be, prejudicial to the interests of the WFNL;
- Must not directly or indirectly harass or bully (including cyber bully) any person;
- Must not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public (including via Social Media) about another person or WFNL;
- Must comply with the National Community Football Policy Handbook and any rules, regulations, by-laws, emergency protocols and policies made or adopted by the WFNL from time to time, including without limitation, the Laws of the Game;

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

As specified in the National Community Football Policy Handbook, coaches have the following obligations to follow. Coaches must adopt the following:

- be Accredited;
- be reasonable in the demands made on the time commitments of Players, having regard to their health and well-being;
- be considerate of the varying maturity and levels of ability of Players when designing practice schedules and practice activities;
- if coaching Junior Football, use best endeavours to ensure that every Player plays a minimum of 50% playing time;
- always monitor and ensure the health and safety of Players;
- seek and follow the advice of appropriately qualified health specialists in relation to the participation of injured or ill Players provided that, where such advice is that a Player is fit to play but that advice is inconsistent with any restrictions in this Policy Handbook on the participation of injured or ill Players, the restrictions in this Policy Handbook must be complied with;



- keep up to date with the principles of coaching including skill development and requirements of Accreditation;
- display and foster appropriate sporting behaviour, including using best endeavours to procure that Players comply with their obligations under this Policy Handbook
- display and foster respect for Football Officials, opponents, parents and spectators; and
- ensure that Players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities.

OFFICIALS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

As officials & spectators, they must adopt the following values:

- not consume alcohol, smoke or vape at Junior Football;
- respect the spirit of fair play;
- be ethical, fair, honest and respectful in all their dealings with other people;
- contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences;
- prioritise the safety and welfare of all other person/s
- recognise the essential role that Umpires and other Football Officials play in Australian Football;
- display and foster respect for Umpires and other Football Officials
- must not engage in conduct which brings, or is likely to bring, the interests of the WFNL into disrepute;
- must not act in a manner which is, or is likely to be, prejudicial to the interests of the WFNL

Any person/s listed in this document (Player, Umpire, Coach, Official, Spectator) must comply with any direction given or investigative or disciplinary measure or procedure imposed in accordance with the WFNL Rules, WFNL By-Laws or National Community Football Policy Handbook.