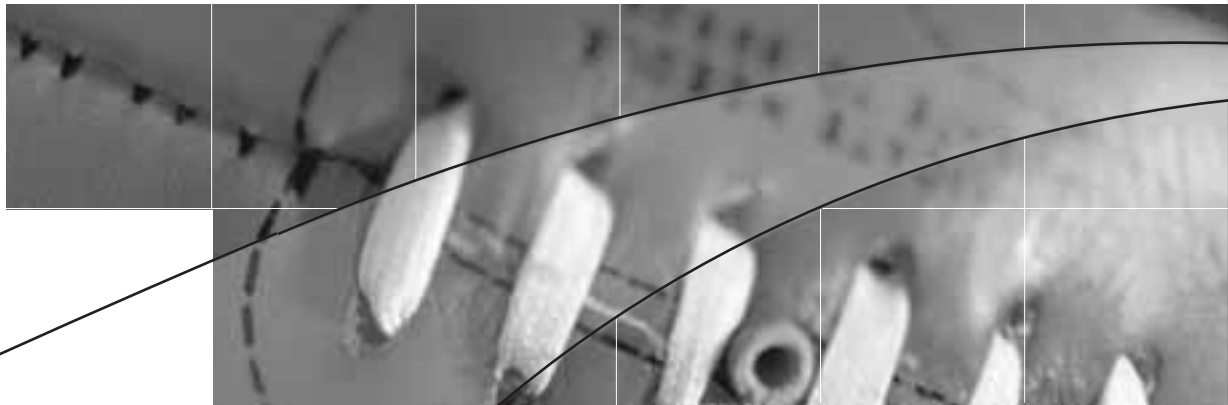




Codes of conduct



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Codes of conduct – fair play

Codes of conduct provide clear behavioural guidelines and promote a quality environment in which the game and participants can flourish. Codes of conduct need to be monitored by the football committee and an appropriate procedure established to deal with any breaches of the players' code of behaviour contract. This could take the form of a tribunal or establishing set penalties for breaches to the players' code of behaviour contract.

Be a 'good sport' player

- Play by the rules.
- Don't argue – you will look a real goose!
- Control your temper – you will gain real respect.
- Be a team player – teams win games not individuals.
- Treat all players fairly – as you would like to be treated.
- Work with your coach and teammates – not against them.
- Play for enjoyment and to improve your skills.
- Don't lower yourself, your coach, your parents or your team by making any remarks based on race or gender.

Be a 'good sport' coach

- Promote the laws and rules of our game.
- Maximise enjoyment before winning.
- Group players competitively and develop their confidence.
- Avoid the trap of overplaying talented players just to win.
- Ensure player welfare as a priority – above winning!
- Remember the age of your team – keep things in perspective.
- Lead the way with respect for opponents, umpires and officials.
- Attain coaching accreditation and keep up with new ideas.
- Avoid aggressive behaviour and derogatory and insulting language – set the right example.

Be a 'good sport' parent and spectator

- Encourage participation but don't force it.
- Teach the message that it's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game.
- Encourage an understanding of the rules by showing a genuine interest.
- Never ridicule mistakes or defeats – you will destroy confidence quickly.
- Remember you are there to support the children's enjoyment before your own.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators.
- Personally recognise all volunteers who are giving their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise your concerns calmly in private.
- Lead the way in stamping out all racial, verbal or physical abuse.



Sample

Players' code of behaviour & contract with the game

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After consultation with the class group, this code of behaviour has been formulated for the AFL Sport Education program. All players in the competition must sign this contract:

- Play by the rules.
- Do not argue with an umpire or other official. If you disagree you should pursue the matter with your team manager at a later time.
- Play to enjoy the game and improve your football skills.
- Control your temper and do not indulge in any verbal or physical abuse of an umpire, official or other player.
- Be a good sport and acknowledge all good efforts from your teammates and opponents.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates, umpires, officials and opponents, without whom there would be no game.

I agree to abide by the code of behaviour above

Signature of player: _____

Date: _____

School: _____

Players' code of behaviour & contract with the game (template)

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