



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club has adopted a set of Mandatory and Enforceable Codes of Conduct for all players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators to ensure that they behave and promote the best possible environment.

Codes of conduct are an important tool designed to enable people involved within a football club, whether as player, coach, official or supporter, to understand behavioural expectations contributing to an enjoyable quality sporting environment.

All players, coaches and officials, parents, supporters and committee members have a responsibility at all times when representing the Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner consistent with these values and those outlined in the following codes of conduct.

The Code of Conduct includes Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club games and events, all SFNL sanctioned games and events, any person wearing Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club garments and uniforms in public and any persons speaking publicly on behalf of the club.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement. All coaches must be accredited to coach in our league.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules – the rules of Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club and the laws of the game
- Never argue with an umpire or official. If you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach.
- Do not approach an official from an opposing club or interfere with officials during the course of match days.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team – It's a team game, treat it that way. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do. Many such comments are actually now illegal. Also refer to FDFNC Racial & Religious Tolerance Policy
- Be prepared to take responsibility for your actions.
- 'Best Interests Duty' - Ensure that all decisions undertaken are made and performed with the best interests of Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club and that all players place the club's interests above that of their own when acting as a representative of the club.

ADMINISTRATORS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Ensure that spectators, coaches, sponsors, physicians and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents; playing or non-playing.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of players.
- Ensure promotion, well-being and safety of umpires and encourage good sportsmanship before, during and after matches.
- Ensure positive player/umpire/relationships are continually developed.
- 'Best Interests Duty' - Ensure that all decisions undertaken are made and performed with the best interests of Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club and that all players place the club's interests above that of their own when acting as a representative of the club.



PARENTS & SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player on either team for making a mistake or losing the game.
- Applaud good play by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public.
- Do not approach directly an official or player from an opposing club at any time
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteers and if possible offer your serves also.
- Do not take or consume alcohol on the playing arena at any time
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- The Frankston Dolphins Football netball Club will not tolerate ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do. Many such comments are actually now illegal. Also refer to FDFNC Racial & Religious Tolerance Policy.

The Club reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any individual, including suspension and banning, where warranted, for repeated or serious breaches of the relevant Code of Conduct.

This action may be undertaken irrespective of whether the relevant League initiates such action.

