



## VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### VAFA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The VAFA aims to provide males and females with the opportunity to play an enjoyable and competitive game of Australian Rules football in a safe and positive environment. This code of conduct has been developed to give coaches an understanding of their responsibilities to ensure these objectives are met.

#### **VAFA expectations of Coaches:**

- Meet all current [CoachAFL](#) qualifications and requirements.
- Understand and adhere to the [AFL Victoria COVID-19 Return to Play](#) protocols which specifically exist for the health and safety of all people involved in VAFA football.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals including refraining from any discriminatory practices or ridicule on the basis of ability, age, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or preference, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- Refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse or unnecessary or unwanted physical contact with the players in their care.
- Display appropriate behaviour and respect towards umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators.
- Abide by and teach the [AFL Laws of the Game](#) and the rules and interpretations adopted by the VAFA.
- Introduce themselves to the umpires and the opposing coaches of the day prior to the match.
- Reject the use of illegal drugs in sport and abide by VAFA's Illegal Drug Policy (still under construction).
- After the match acknowledge the umpires and the opposing coaches of the day and encourage all assistant coaches and players to respectfully attend the host club's social facilities.
- Encourage high performing players to participate in VAFA representative football.
- Provide constructive feedback on umpire performance to the General Manager, Football and Umpiring at the VAFA.
- Contact their AFCA representatives on reasonable ways to improve the game.

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