



VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

VAF A SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The VAF A acknowledges its role in having its players and match officials being able to perform to their full potential in a safe and positive environment.

VAF A expectations of Spectators:

- 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 VAF A 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 using verbal or physical abuse in any form, whether it is against other spectators, match officials or players.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or match officials.
- Respect the decisions of match officials at all times.
- Never publicly criticise umpires. If required raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Refrain from having any influence on a VAF A match whilst acting as a spectator in a capacity that may affect the result or disrupt the course of the match.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Comply with any terms of entry into a VAF A match, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as alcohol, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that enhances the values of the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Conduct may be evicted from a venue and their club investigated to determine whether any and what charges should be referred to an Independent Tribunal or the VAF A Board.