

TUGGERANONG FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYERS

- Abide by the rules of the Club and the rules and laws of the game.
- Act respectfully towards officials and players of the Club and those of opposing Clubs.
- Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and Club officials.
- Do not behave in a manner either individually or collectively that may reasonably be held by spectators or the public generally to be offensive.
- Do not act in a manner that is likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.
- Make no detrimental or offensive statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match or other official, player, coach or any policy decisions of the Club or AFL Canberra.
- Respect the facilities and equipment of the Club and those of opposing Clubs.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct, including those relating to race, religion, gender, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin or ability toward a player, official, umpire or supporter.
- Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club. If unable to do so, inform the coach or an appropriate official as soon as practical.
- Attend Club functions and post-match awards, in appropriate Club uniform.

COACHES

- Abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and those of the Club.
- Be reasonable on the demands made on the time commitments of players having due consideration for their health, well-being and safety.
- Be supportive and refrain from any form of personal abuse or necessary personal contact with players.

- Have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of players when designing practice schedules, activities and involvement in competition.
- Keep informed of sound principles of coaching and skill development and to factors relating to the welfare of players.
- Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct, including those relating to race, religion, race, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin or ability toward a player, official, umpire or supporter.

OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Display fairness and uniformity in applying the laws and rules.
- Promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.
- Given prominent weight in the decision making process in respect to the health and safety of players.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the level of all participants.
- Use common sense to ensure that the “spirit of the game” is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.
- Remain up to date with any changes in the laws and rules of the AFL and their interpretation.
- Seek continuous self-improvement through programs designed to develop administrative and football skills, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
 - Ensure that the overall administration and financial operations of the Club are effective and efficient.
 - Ensure the availability of qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and high level football skills.

- Set an appropriate conduct example and ensure that on and off field behaviour is consistent with the principle of good sportsmanship and respect for the rights and dignity of others.
- Ensure that all coaches, officials, medical and other support staff understand their responsibilities.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect of the performance of any match officials, players or any policy decisions of the Club or AFL Canberra.
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct including those relating to race, religion, gender, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin or ability toward any player, official, umpire or supporter.
- Abide by the laws and rules of AFL Canberra