Victorian Churches Football Association

Player Code of Conduct

This code of conduct applies to all participants in Victorian Churches Football Association Player (VCFA) programs and events.

Any breach thereof shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action by authorised VCFA personnel and/or pursuant to VCFA constitution, regulations (including match rules and Laws of the Game), and policies, as well as laws of the state and Australia. Sanctions include suspension or expulsion from matches, events, and the Association.

Players participating in VCFA matches, events and competitions, must agree the following:

1. I will not use crude, foul, blasphemous or abusive language at any time when participating on or off the field at a VCFA match or event
2. I will play by the rules – the Laws of the Game and the VCFA Match Rules
3. I will act respectfully toward the referee and assistant referees and refrain from arguing with them regarding the decisions they make
4. I will treat all players, of my club and the opposition, with respect
5. I will respect and follow directions of coaching staff, match and club officials
6. I will act respectfully towards spectators and avoid behaviour which may be inflammatory and incite spectator violence or disorder, or be seen as offensive
7. I will respect the facilities and equipment of my own club and when visiting opposition clubs
8. I will not make remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability
9. I will not use technology (including social media platforms, text and instant messaging, email, etc.) to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the Association which is discriminatory or offensive
10. I agree to follow the VCFA Child Safety & Wellbeing policy and understand the VCFA is committed to child safety, an Association where child abuse and harm are not tolerated

I have read the above Player's Code of Conduct and agree to comply with its directions.

I understand I may be removed from a venue or event and disciplinary action may be taken against me by the VCFA if I fail to abide by the Code of Conduct.

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Spectator Code of Conduct

This code of conduct applies to all spectators at Victorian Churches Football Association Player (VCFA) programs and events.

The VCFA's priority is to ensure all spectators can enjoy football in a safe environment.

Accordingly, by entering this venue, you agree to the terms of this code of conduct, the venue conditions, as well as laws of the state and Australia. Sanctions include suspension or expulsion from matches, events, and the Association.

A spectator present at a VCFA Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by the VCFA or an affiliated Club must:

1. Respect the decisions of Match Officials
2. Not ridicule or mock a player for making a mistake
3. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin
4. Not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players
5. Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language (including blasphemy) or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or making indecent or racist comments
6. Not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators)
7. Not enter the field of play or, where marked, its surrounds without lawful authority
8. Not use technology (including social media platforms, text and instant messaging, email, etc.) to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the Association which is discriminatory or offensive
9. Follow the VCFA Child Safety & Wellbeing policy and understand the VCFA is committed to child safety, an Association where child abuse and harm are not tolerated

Any person who does not comply with the VCFA Spectator Code of Conduct or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be removed from a venue and banned from attending future VCFA matches or events.

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Coach Code of Conduct

This code of conduct applies to all coaches (and team leaders) in Victorian Churches Football Association Player (VCFA) programs and events.

Any breach thereof shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action by authorised VCFA personnel and/or pursuant to VCFA constitution, regulations (including match rules and Laws of the Game), and policies, as well as laws of the state and Australia. Sanctions include suspension or expulsion from matches, events, and the Association.

Coaches (and team leaders) involved in VCFA matches, events and competitions, must agree the following:

1. I will set a good example and display the utmost honesty and integrity in my position
2. I will teach fair play and good sportsmanship in all situations
3. I will never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and values to my players
4. I will maintain a current knowledge of the Laws of the Game and VCFA match rules
5. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin
6. I will encourage and create opportunities for players to develop skills individually as well as for a team
7. I will ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention
8. I will display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring my players understand and practice of fair play
9. I will display and teach respect towards referees, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators
10. I will not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse, or unruly conduct towards any player, official, referee, or spectator
11. I will respect the facilities and equipment of my own club and when visiting opposition clubs
12. I will not use technology (including social media platforms, text and instant messaging, email, etc.) to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the Association which is discriminatory or offensive
13. I agree to follow the VCFA Child Safety & Wellbeing policy and understand the VCFA is committed to child safety, an Association where child abuse and harm are not tolerated

I have read the above Coach's Code of Conduct and agree to comply with its directions.

I understand I may be removed from a venue or event and disciplinary action may be taken against me by the VCFA if I fail to abide by the Code of Conduct.

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Officials Code of Conduct

This code of conduct applies to all officials (junior and senior referees, assistant referees) in Victorian Churches Football Association Player (VCFA) programs and events.

Officials must agree to the terms of this code of conduct, football regulations (including VCFA match rules and Laws of the Game), as well as laws of the state and Australia. Sanctions include suspension or expulsion from matches, events, and the Association.

An official at a VCFA Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by the VCFA or an affiliated Club must:

1. Perform your duties as a referee without bias and maintain the highest standards of integrity and honesty
2. Be honest, objective and impartial in your assessment of situations displaying consistency in applying the Laws of the Game and the VCFA match rules
3. Be physically and mentally fit to referee the match(es) assigned to you
4. Treat everyone equally, regardless of their disability, gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, religion, age and political or club affiliation
5. Conduct yourself with dignity on and off the field and be a positive role model in behaviour and appearance, including wearing correct uniform
6. Ensure your knowledge of the Laws of the Game and/or the VCFA match rules remains up to date, including any recent amendments
7. Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisals and regular updating of competencies through VCFA referee courses and meetings
8. Not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or criticism toward any player, official, or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable
9. Not use technology (including social media platforms, text and instant messaging, email, etc.) to make or post inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or the Association which is discriminatory or offensive
10. Follow the VCFA Child Safety & Wellbeing policy and understand the VCFA is committed to child safety, an Association where child abuse and harm are not tolerated

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