

Willunga Football Parent, Responsible Adult and Spectator Code of Conduct

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Purpose

The Code of Conduct aims to provide a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.



Each Parent, Responsible Adult and Supporter must:

- a) Support the participants and enjoy the Match;
- b) Encourage participation, but don't force it;
- c) Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning;
- d) Not ridicule mistakes or losses;
- e) Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated;
- f) Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time;
- g) Not publicly criticise Umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private;
- h) Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your Coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks;
- i) Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs;
- j) Not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any Player, Official, Umpire or supporter;
- k) Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players;
- l) Not enter the field of play in any sanctioned Competition Match unless granted permission by an Official to do so;
- m) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- n) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).

Non-Compliance

Parents, spectators or others in breach of this code, will be asked to leave the club premises immediately and may be refused entry to games for the remainder of the season. An incident report along with details of the offender will be submitted to the Great Southern Football League (GSFL) who may decide to enforce further sanctions to all parties involved.

At the conclusion of an investigation, the GSFL may fine any club that is found to have violated the Code of Conduct. The fine set by the GSFL will be passed onto the individuals involved. Failure to pay this fine to the Willunga Football Club will result in the involved player being suspended by the club, or club registration terminated.



REPORTING OF OFFENCES DURING A MATCH

11 a) The following shall have the power to report under the AFL Commission Laws of Football.

- (i) Club League Delegates.*
- (ii) League Executive.*
- (iii) All Panel Umpires and Umpires Observers officiating on the day.*

All such reports to be in the hands of the League Secretary by 9.00pm the Tuesday immediately following the game.

b) Reporting Other Offences

(i) Clubs are to be responsible for the behaviour of their Officials.

(ii) No Club, official, player, or servant of the League or of a League Club shall;

(a) Use abusive, threatening or insulting language to the League Delegates or umpires or other Officials or to players or to gatekeepers.

(b) Interfere or assault any League delegate, umpire or other official or servant of the League or a playing member or a gatekeeper.

(c) Be guilty of any other conduct which is detrimental to the best interests of the Australian game.

(d) Refuse, or neglect to comply with or observe the Rules of the League.

(iii) (a) Charges under this Rule (11 b)) may be made by an umpire, an Official of a Club or an Official of the League.

(b) Any Club allowing incorrect attire to be worn in a match or permitting Officials incorrectly on the oval during a match may be reported by the opposing Club.

(c) All reports must be in the hands of the League Secretary by 9.00pm the Tuesday following the game together with a fee of \$100 which will be refunded if the charge is upheld.

(d) Any Club or individual found guilty of an offence against this Rule (11B) in respect to the conduct of an official of that Club, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$500. Such penalty not paid within fourteen days of notice shall incur a further \$20 fine, then all fines shall be paid within seven days of further notice or all premiership points gained while the Club was unfinancial shall be irrevocably lost.

Policy Review

This document will be reviewed annually and updated in accordance with the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook.

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