

UMPIRES CODE OF CONDUCT

An Umpire understands and agrees to:

- Umpire in accordance with the laws of the game;
- Maintain a working knowledge of the Laws of Australian Football and the Rules;
- Ensure the game is played in a fair manner and a spirit of true sportsmanship;
- Where possible in a contact sport, prevent injuries to players participating in the match;
- Treat all participants, as they would like to be treated.;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of the gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- Control their temper. Verbal abuse of players, officials or spectators is not acceptable or permitted behaviours of an Umpire;
- Accept all match appointments in a positive manner;
- Advise AFLQ as soon as practicable should they be unable to officiate any match due to illness or injury;
- Maintain a high reputation and not do any act or thing calculated to or which might otherwise have the effect of prejudicing the reputation of your League or Australian Football;
- Not contrive or attempt to contrive the result of any Match or any aspect of the Match in exchange for any bribe, benefit or reward;
- Perform on their merits and officiate to the best of their ability at all times;
- Not give or allow any person any recorded or other interview for broadcast or write any article relating to Australian Football for publication without first obtaining consent of your League;
- Not discuss any aspect of any report made in accordance with the Rules or otherwise with any person without the prior consent of the League;
- Be prepared to be responsible for their actions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language, or harassing Players, coaches or officials.