



Queensland AFL Masters

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Player and Officials Code of Conduct

AFL Masters Queensland Inc. Players and Official Code of Conduct is in place to ensure football is a positive and enjoyable for everyone. All players and officials are expected to always abide by the Code of Conduct and to behave in a responsible and respectful manner.

Each Player and Official must:

- a) Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, or the League/Association into disrepute.
- b) Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- c) Respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- d) Display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials and spectators;
- e) Never argue with or dispute a decision of an Official or Umpire. If a Participant disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations, Policies and Determinations;
- f) Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse or swearing at or in the vicinity of others, sledging Players and/or Coaches or behavior that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent;
- g) Comply with the AFL and AFL Masters Queensland Inc. Rules and Regulations including the National Member Protection Policy, the League By-Laws, and this Code of Conduct.
- h) Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- i) Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly;
- j) Cooperate with their Association and Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates;
- k) Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, Coaches, Association and Club Officials;
- l) Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- m) Not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Participant or the Association;
- n) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- o) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the Association. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs) and;
- p) Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the venue;
- q) To always represent Queensland in a positive manner and when attending any local venues, events or any other activities away from game venues in any QLD apparel, you are representing your state and any inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and could impact your role as a player or official.