



PAOCFC

PRINCE ALFRED OLD COLLEGIANS FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

CODES OF CONDUCT

PAOCFC fully support the codes of conduct for players, coaches, officials and supporters as introduced by the AFL.

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Behaviour

Players aspire to the highest standards of sportsmanship and professional conduct. Players must conduct themselves in a manner so as not to bring Australian Rules football, the AFL, the PAOCFC into disrepute. Inappropriate behaviour could result in the player being stood down from games or suspended from the team. Examples of behaviour by members which brings the code and club into disrepute may include:

- Excessive and inappropriate swearing
- Inappropriate heckling or sledging
- Abuse directed at any official, player or spectator
- Misuse of social network sites, bullying players, criticising umpires or Club officials
- Inappropriate behaviour because of excessive drinking
- Instances where members attend the club under the influence of illegal drugs

Playing

Abuse directed at any playing official, player or volunteer during a fixture will not be tolerated. Inappropriate behaviour while playing could result in the player being stood down from games or suspended from the team.

Racial and Religious Vilification

Players must refrain from making any comment that vilifies or tends to vilify persons based on their race, religion, colour, sex, sexual orientation or other related characteristics.

Substance Abuse

AFL Illicit Drugs Policy and AFL Anti-Doping Code prohibit the taking of illicit and/or performance-enhancing substances. It is the responsibility of players to report suspected illegal or inappropriate use or distribution of alcohol or drugs to the coach or Management committee. Any player, coach or official found to be using or distributing illegal substances on the Club premises and at any time while representing the Club will be immediately suspended until a police investigation has been completed.

- Act within the rules and spirit of Australian Rules Football.
- Promote fair play.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs. Refer to Club policy on Drugs and Alcohol.



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- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement. All coaches must be accredited to coach at PAOCFC. Coaches must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game and the players/ staff in their care.

All coaches must :

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of their involvement in Australian Rules Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or disability.
- Abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of SAAFL
- Be reasonable in the demands made on the time commitments of the players, having due consideration for their health and well-being.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players.
- Recognise the significance of injury and sickness, and seek and follow advice from qualified health professionals with regard to the return of injured or ill players to training and matches.
- Endeavour to keep informed of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of players
- At all times display appropriate sporting behaviour and practise fair play.
- Reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL DRUG POLICY.

SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Spectators must not approach the umpires under any circumstances. If you have an issue with an umpire, please raise it through the appropriate channels, speak to a PAOCFC SAAFL club delegate.
- Support your club by maintaining the highest standard of spectator behaviour.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Never use of derogatory language based on race.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to coach our teams and deserve your support.