



VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

VAFA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The VAFA aims to educate and promote respectful coach behaviour and identify unacceptable behaviour. Coaches play an important role in protecting the match day experience for all participants, and this code of conduct has been developed to give coaches an understanding of their responsibilities to ensure these objectives are met.

In addition to clause 9.1 and 9.2 of the [AFL's National Community Football Policy Handbook](#), the expectations of all Coaches are to:

- (a) be Accredited.
- (b) be reasonable in the demands made on the time commitments of Players, having regard to their health and well-being.
- (c) be considerate of the varying maturity and levels of ability of Players when designing practice schedules and practice activities.
- (d) if coaching Junior Football, use best endeavours to ensure that every Player plays a minimum of 50% playing time.
- (e) always monitor and ensure the health and safety of Players.
- (f) seek and follow the advice of appropriately qualified health specialists in relation to the participation of injured or ill Players provided that, where such advice is that a Player is fit to play but that advice is inconsistent with any restrictions in this Policy Handbook on the participation of injured or ill Players, the restrictions in this Policy Handbook must be complied with.
- (g) keep up to date with the principles of coaching including skill development and requirements of Accreditation.
- (h) display and foster appropriate sporting behaviour, including using best endeavours to procure that Players comply with their obligations under this Policy Handbook.
- (i) display and foster respect for Football Officials, opponents, parents and spectators.
- (j) ensure that Players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning, and development are priorities.

Any Coach who does not comply with this Coaches Code of Conduct may be investigated by the VAFA or the AFL to determine whether they have engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the Association or club of the Association or representative or official of a club, or in breach of the AFL Coaches Code of Conduct, which may result in sanctions to the Coach and/or Club, and/or deregistration.