

Violet Town Football and Netball Club

Code of Conduct



Players, Parents, Officials and Spectators

The **Code of Conduct** aims to provide a safe environment for participation, ensuring football and netball is a positive and enjoyable for everyone. **Aggressive, threatening, or inappropriate behaviour by players, officials, members, their families, their friends, and other personnel while attending game, training or club event will not be tolerated.**

Each player, parent, club official and spectator must:

- Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, the game of Netball, Netball Victoria or Netball Australia, the League (KDL) or the club into disrepute.
- Participate in competition matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football or Laws of Netball.
- Display and foster respect for all umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, officials, parents and spectators.
- 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.
- Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of or swearing at or in the vicinity of others, sledging players and/or coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent.
- Comply with the AFL, Netball Victoria and the League (KDL) Rules and regulations including the Member Protection Policy, the League (KDL) By-Laws and this Code of Conduct.
- Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field/court.
- Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual difference, and behaviour accordingly.
- Cooperate with club officials, coaches and teammates.
- Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, coaches and club officials.
- Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy and Netball Victoria Inclusion Policy and Netball Victoria Transgender and Gender Diversity Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
- Not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the participant or the club.
- Comply with Child Safe Standards and policies put in place by AFL, Netball Victoria and Violet Town Football and Netball Club. Report any behaviour that may violate these policies to a coach or the club appointed Child Safety Officer.
- Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media.
- Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about players, clubs, umpires, officials, the AFL, Netball Victoria, or the League (KDL). Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website posting (including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).
- Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, competition matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing clubs.
- Use club appointment social media applications (SPOND) responsibly and respectfully, inclusive of contacting other players, coaches and administrators at appropriate hours of the day.
- Complete any extra rostered duty that is a part of their role in the club, inclusive of but not limited to scoring and timekeeping duties, canteen duties, committee roles and Thursday evening dinner duties.
- Respect that trainers and coaches have the final say on recovery from injury and due to duty of care, have the final say in when a player is deemed safe to return to the game.

Non-compliance

Any person found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our club's code of conduct and behaviour of this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy/Club constitution.