

Dromana Football & Netball Club (Inc)

Policy Document

Club Code of Conduct Policy

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Purpose

This document is intended as a set of Rules governing a Code of Conduct and should be read in association with the Club Policy on End of Season Trips and Unauthorised Events.

This document should also be read with the VCFL Cybersafety Policy

This is a Policy Document of the Board of the Dromana Football & Netball Club (Inc).

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MANDATORY & ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

The Club Code of Conduct applies to all of our officials, volunteers, members and supporters.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Football Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement.

Netball Coaches are required to sign Netball Australia's Code of Conduct.(See attachment)

All coaches must be accredited to coach in our league.

Must not contravene VCFL Cybersafety Policy

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people you can't play football
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games
- Be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated - fairly
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal
- When representing or deemed to be representing the club or league at a club or league sanctioned or unsanctioned event whether as a team, group or individual your behaviour in no way brings disrepute or reflects badly on your club, teammates or league.
- Must not contravene VCFL Cybersafety Policy

PARENTS, SUPPORTERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game
- Encourage participation, but don't force it
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private

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BREACHES OF CODES OF CONDUCT

Any actions which breach the Codes of Conduct by Coaches, Players, Members or Officials may be subject to a penalty as determined by a panel appointed by the club's Board of Management to investigate and ratified by a full meeting of the Board of Management.

Penalties which may be applied, but not limited to are as follows:-

- Suspension of any player for up to ten weeks from playing. League to be notified of suspension.
- Where activities in the opinion of the Board justify extreme action offenders will be dismissed from club.(Subject to provisions of constitution)
- Offenders may be required to issue a written apology to any effected party.
- Where applicable forfeiture of match payments.
- Issue a written censure to offending persons.

Notwithstanding the above action breaches of the Codes of Conduct may also be subject to punitive action by the League.

NOTE!!!

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Also the VCFL Cybersafety Policy