

YEFC



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1. Purpose

This Code of Conduct aligns with Football Australia and Football Queensland standards to promote a safe, respectful and enjoyable football environment. It sets clear expectations for behaviour, professionalism and integrity for all participants and stakeholders of Yeronga Eagles FC.

2. General Behavioural Rules

- No offensive behaviour — No obscene, abusive, insulting or provocative language, gestures or chanting.
- No violence — Physical assault, threats, or any act that incites hatred or violence is strictly prohibited.
- No intimidation — Behaviour that creates an unsafe, hostile or aggressive environment is not permitted.
- Protect the game's reputation — Participants must avoid any conduct that brings Football Australia, Football Queensland, or the sport into disrepute.

3. Behaviour & Sportsmanship

- Always play by the Laws of the Game and uphold the spirit of football.
- Participate for enjoyment, development and team success, not conflict or hostility.
- Respect match officials at all times.
 - Do not argue with referees.
 - Only the captain or coach may seek clarification during a break in play or after the match.
- Control your temper — no verbal abuse, sledging, harassment or intimidation.
- Treat all participants with dignity, regardless of background, gender, culture, ability or religion.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Cooperate with coaches, teammates, officials and opponents — without them, there is no competition.

4. Core Standards for Coaches & Players

- Respect — Treat all players, officials, volunteers and staff with dignity.
- Fair play — Play and coach within the official Laws of the Game and promote sportsmanship.
- Safety — Coaches must prioritise player welfare, safe training environments and responsible decision-making.
- Integrity — Participants must comply with Football Australia's Integrity Framework

5. Safety & Responsibility

- Remove all jewellery before training and matches.
- Avoid reckless or dangerous play that endangers participants.
- Work hard for yourself and your team — effort contributes to collective performance.
- Respect club volunteers, staff and committee members who support the football environment.

6. Players Code of Conduct

Appropriate Behaviour

- Play by the rules and uphold the Laws of the Game.
- Respect match officials, teammates, opponents, spectators and facilities.
- Accept results with dignity, showing sportsmanship in both victory and defeat.
- Represent Yeronga Eagles FC positively on and off the field.

Inappropriate Behaviour

- Offensive language or gestures.
- Threatening or engaging in physical violence.
- Non-compliance with match officials or refusal to follow directions.
- Damage to club, opposition or venue property.

7. Coaches, Team Managers & Club Officials Code of Conduct

Appropriate Behaviour

- Promote fair play and uphold the Laws of the Game.
- Respect match officials and players, modelling calm and professional behaviour.
- Maintain high standards of sportsmanship in victory and defeat.
- Provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for all participants.
- Lead by example, reinforcing club values and expectations.

Inappropriate Behaviour

- Discriminatory or offensive behaviour of any kind.
- Disputing or undermining official decisions during or after matches.
- Threatening physical violence or encouraging aggression.
- Failure to comply with official directions from match officials, Football Queensland or club leadership.

8. Compliance With Football Australia & Football Queensland Policies

Participants must comply with all relevant policies, including:

- National Code of Conduct & Ethics
- Integrity Framework
- XI Standards of Respect
- Member Protection Framework
- Social Media Policy

- Anti-Discrimination & Anti-Vilification Policy
- Football Queensland Three-Strike Policy
- Poor Behaviour Management Guidelines

9. Consequences for Breaches

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in club-imposed penalties, including:

- Formal warnings
- Suspension from training or matches
- Removal from matchday squads
- Referral to Football Queensland
- Termination of membership (for serious or repeated breaches)

The elected committee reserves the right to determine appropriate action based on the nature and severity of the breach.