



**FOOTBALL
INTEGRATION
DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION**

**SCHEDULE 7
CODES OF CONDUCT
(2025)**

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

All Coaches within the FIDA League are to uphold the conduct expectations, below.

1. Coaches will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of their involvement in Australian Football, by refraining from any discriminatory practices including, but not limited to, discrimination based on race, religion, gender, ethnic background, special ability/disability or sexual orientation, preference, or identity.
2. Coaches will abide by and teach the Laws of Australian Football and the Rules of their Club and League/Association as well as the AFL Coaching Code of Conduct.
3. Coaches will be reasonable in the demands they make on the time commitments of the Players in their care, having consideration for their health and wellbeing.
4. Coaches will be always supportive, and they will refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the Players in their care.
5. Coaches will have consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of their Players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
6. Where they are responsible for Players in the 5-18-year-old age group, they will strive to ensure that all Players gain equal playing time. They will avoid overplaying the talented Players, aiming to maximise participation, learning and enjoyment for all Players regardless of ability.
7. Coaches will stress and monitor safety always.
8. In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, a Coach will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill Players to training.
9. Coaches will endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of Coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of their Players.
10. Coaches will always display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that Players understand and practise fair play.
11. Coaches will display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, other Officials, parents, and spectators.
12. Coaches will ensure that Players participate in a positive environment where skill-learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win.
13. Coaches reject the use of performance-enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Anti-Doping and Illicit Drugs policies.
14. Coaches shall always mentor and encourage their players to play in the ***Spirit of FIDA*** as outlined in **Schedule 1 of the FIDA By-Laws** and within the **Player Code of Conduct video**.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All Players within the Victoria FIDA Football League are to uphold the below behaviour expectations.

All players are required to watch the Player Code of Conduct Video before each match and display the expected behaviour. The video can be found at [<https://fida.org.au/player-code-of-conduct>]

1. Abide by the rules of the game and rules set down by your Coach, Club and League as outlined in FIDA Handbook.
2. Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality, or religion.
3. Never argue with an Official or Umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, Coach or Team Manager approach the Official during a break or after the competition.
4. Always show respect for Umpires and respect decisions made even if you do not agree with them.
5. Control your temper. Verbal or physical abuse of Officials, Umpires, spectators, or other Players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
6. Work equally hard for yourself and your Team. Your Team's performance will benefit, so will you.
7. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your Team, opponent, or the other Team. Be proud to walk off the ground after each game knowing that you have given your best and never involve yourself in an argument with opposing Players, Umpires, or Officials.
8. Conduct yourself at a high level of personal behaviour on and off the field in such a manner so as not to bring your Club, the League, or the game of Australian Football into disrepute by displaying good sportsmanship always.
9. Treat all Players, Coaches, Umpires and Volunteers with respect as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere by, bullying, intimidating, or taking unfair advantages of other players. This includes on and off the field, online via social media as AFL and FIDA Policies.
10. Co-operate with your Coach and Teammates and respect the ability of your opponent. Without them there would be no game.
11. Play for the 'fun of it' and within the **SPIRIT of FIDA**. Your involvement to play is for fun and enjoyment, winning is only part of it.

Be responsible for your actions, as Any Player found to be in breach of the above code of conduct may be called to front the Tribunal, for potential disciplinary action.

CLUB OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

All individuals that represent a FIDA Member Club as an Official and/or Volunteer within the FIDA Football League are to uphold the below behaviour expectations.

1. Abide by the rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Football Integration Development Association.
2. Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality, or religion.
3. Set the standards and lead by example in modelling fairness, integrity, and the **Spirit of FIDA**
4. Remain consistent, courteous, and objective when making decisions.
5. Communicate with the opposing team officials in a polite and positive manner to address any issue that may arise prior to, during or post-match.
6. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote fair play and respect for all members of opposing clubs.
7. Do not tolerate behaviour that may incite players and spectators against any on field official, or a heated public display of displeasure.
8. Compliment and encourage all players and participants within the FIDA community.
9. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than concentrate on negatives.
10. Accept individual and collective responsibility for the Club's behaviour and relationship with other Clubs.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

FIDA acknowledges its role to educate and promote respectful spectator behaviour and identify unacceptable behaviour, ensuring the match day experience is protected for all participants. For this policy, a breach of this Spectator Code of conduct, applies to in-person or online activity.

1. Foster an environment that is safe, equitable and welcoming for all people.
2. Always respect the decisions and requests of game day officials.
3. Show Respect and refrain from using verbal or physical abuse in any form, whether it is against other spectators, umpires, players or FIDA representatives.
4. Use positive language in all communication prior to, during and post-match.
5. Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to encourage and promote play.
5. Do not engage in conduct which may be considered to incite hatred towards, contempt for, ridicule of, or discriminate against any person or group of people.
6. Ensure the inclusion of everyone regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, or religion.

All Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their spectators, and should the league be satisfied that a spectator has breached the code of conduct the League will impose a penalty on the Member Club associated.