

Shepparton United Football Netball Club



CODES OF CONDUCT

At **Shepparton United Football Netball Club**, we are governed by the guidelines and policy as outlined by the **Goulburn Valley League, AFL Victoria, and Netball Victoria**. In addition, the club operates under the **guidelines of the Victorian Government's Fair Play Code** by encouraging appropriate standards of behaviour to enable everyone to be involved in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment. As its guiding principles the club believes the people of SUFNC should act with **integrity, respect, responsibility, fairness, and safety**.

The purpose of the code of conduct is to provide guidance to all players, members, spectators, and officials, as to the standards of behaviour that are expected at our club and to make it clearly understood that breaches of these codes can result in disciplinary action.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL COACHES & ASSISTANTS:

1. Comply with the GVL, AFL Victoria, and Victoria Coaches behavioural guidelines.
2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
3. Support, encourage and involve all players regardless of their talent level.
4. Never ridicule or abuse players for errors or poor performance.
5. Always consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before performance and results.
6. Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
7. Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour both on and off the field.
8. Maintain respectful and appropriate relationships with all participants.
9. Ensure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability, and experience of participants.
10. Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g., fair play).
11. Always respect the official's decision and support them to conduct their role. Never argue with or dispute a decision of an Official or Umpire. If a coach/assistant disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant GVL and Club Rules and Regulations.
12. Display consistently high standards of good sporting behaviour and appearance and act as a positive role model.
13. Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the Club.
14. Hold appropriate valid qualifications before commencing to coach.
15. Never condone rule violations, unfair or unduly rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
16. Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vape and illegal substances.
17. Never smoke, vape or drink alcohol whilst in an official capacity.
18. Never use offensive language or behaviour.
19. Make a personal commitment to keep informed of sound coaching principles and coaching developments.
20. Follow the advice of a qualified person when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
21. Be supportive of activities designed to encourage participation of young players at junior clubs, schools and development programs.
22. Promote all activities to make the SUFNC a child safe environment.

Repeated disregard of the expectations outlined in this Code of Conduct may face a review of the coach or assistant's alignment with SUFNC.