



## CAULFIELD GRAMMARIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

### PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Caulfield Grammarians Football Club (CGFC) 'Players, Coaches and Officials Code of Conduct' is in place to ensure football is a positive and enjoyable environment for everyone. All players, coaches and officials are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct.

#### 1. Scope

Each player and official must:

- a) not bring the game of Australian Football, the VAFA or the Club into disrepute;
- b) participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- c) respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- d) display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials, parents and spectators;
- e) 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;
- f) 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;
- g) comply with the AFL National Member Protection Policy, the VAFA Rules and Regulations, and this Code of Conduct;
- h) never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- i) contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly;
- j) cooperate with their Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates;
- k) participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, Coaches and Club Officials;
- l) comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- m) not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Participant or the Club;
- n) use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams; and
- o) comply with all applicable VAFA Rules & Policies, including VAFA Rules, VAFA Alcohol Policy, VAFA Player Code of Conduct, VAFA Spectator Code of Conduct, VAFA Social Media & Digital Communication Policy and VAFA Gambling Policy.

**NB:** AFL and VAFA Rules, Regulations and Policies referred to in herein are to be found on the applicable AFL and VAFA websites.

#### 2. Breach of Policy

Alleged breaches of this policy should be reported to the President of the CGFC Committee. A breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action from the VAFA or CGFC Committee, at their discretion given the circumstances.

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**Pursuant to Committee Resolution passed on 11 March 2025.**

