



AFL TOWNSVILLE UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

The AFL Townsville Umpires Association (AFLTUA) is a unisex group made up of a diverse range of ages, cultural backgrounds and personalities. As a member, parent, or supporter of AFLTUA it is important to ensure your conduct is appropriate and you understand what is acceptable behaviour.

THE AFL TOWNSVILLE UMPIRES ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Applies to all members (including social members) of the AFLTUA and should be read in conjunction with the AFLTUA, AFLT and AFLQ Constitutions, AFLT and AFLQ Codes of Conduct, and other policies of AFLTUA.
- Applies when umpiring, training, representing or taking part in AFLTUA sanctioned activities.
- Is designed to assist AFLTUA achieve a high standing within the AFL Townsville community and across the broader community.

MEMBERS:

- Members will display appropriate and responsible behaviours in all interactions when representing the AFLTUA and conduct themselves in a manner that will enhance the standing of the AFLTUA within the community.
- Members will always promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Members will show respect and courtesy to all involved in the sport.
- Members will treat each person as an individual and respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Members will not tolerate any abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.
- Members will show respect to fellow umpires and present as a united group at all times.
- Members will not talk against another umpire.
- Members will respect the decisions of the AFLTUA committee, coaches, league officials, club coaches and administrators.
- Members will avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one on one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18, wherever practical.
- Members will avoid any situation that may lead to a conflict of interest or bring the AFLTUA or umpiring into disrepute.
- Members will not initiate contact or talk to any media outlet without the express consent of the committee.
- Members will display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Members will act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for their decisions and actions.
- Members will ensure their decisions and actions contribute to a safe and harassment free environment.

UMPIRES:

- Will have a thorough knowledge of the laws of the game, current interpretations and trends in Australian Football as obtained through regular attendance at training and personal development.
- Will be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions, whatever the conditions, state of the game or any other circumstance.
- Will show respect for the effort and performance of other umpires, players, coaches and officials.
- Will be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction at appropriate times.
- Will provide a positive response to game feedback provided by AFLTUA coaches.
- Will have a personal presentation that enhances the image of the AFLTUA and umpiring.
- Will provide a knowledgeable, positive and professional approach towards all involved in our sport.
- Will give their best at all times and participate for their own enjoyment and benefit.

ADMINISTRATORS & OFFICIALS:

- Ensure quality supervision and instruction and facilities for umpires.
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- Act honestly, in good faith and have the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Conduct all responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from your position is not used improperly.

PARENTS, SUPPORTERS & SPECTATORS:

- Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance, rather than their mistakes.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for their on-field performance.
- Help out coaches and officials at training and on game day where possible.
- Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for all players, coaches and officials.
- Reject all violent, abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.