



### **PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT**

One of the critical components of our game is the passion that people show for the team & club that they support. Whilst this passion is usually harnessed and used to support our game, it sometimes can boil over to create negative situations. We must all work together in the attempt to eliminate this negative passion. Codes of Conduct are an integral component of sporting activities. East Sunbury Football Club encourages members to be vigilant in enforcing codes of conduct whether via support for those who constantly abide by the codes and/ or harsh penalties for those who fail to act in accordance with the codes

### **MANDATORY AND ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS**

The East Sunbury Sporting Group fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL and AFL Victoria.

### **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement. All coaches must be accredited to coach in our League.

### **PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

As an integral component of registration all players, parents, coaches, officials and supporters agree to maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct themselves in the best interests of the game, team, coach, East Sunbury Football Club, East Sunbury Sporting Group, EDFL & AFL. Players, parents, coaches, officials and supporters agree to represent themselves in an honest manner without bringing the East Sunbury Football Club, East Sunbury Sporting Group EDFL and game into disrepute. Players, parents, coaches, officials and supporters agree to endeavour and uphold the following to the best of their ability:

- Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you can't play football.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates.
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, teammates and family if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal.

### **OFFICIALS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

Officials will condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents, officials and spectators.

Officials will keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating to ensure the successful growth and professional development of our sporting group. Adopt the players' code of behaviour and encourage all players and officials to adhere to it. Wherever possible ensure that representatives from all sections of the sporting group are involved in the planning and decision making process that affects our group. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors. Give a code of behaviour sheet to all players, spectators, officials and coaches and encourage them to abide by it. Ensure disciplinary action is taken where applicable for breaches of the club's code of behaviour. Remember, you set the example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

