

# Player Code of Conduct



The Sunshine Football Club is a family based, people inclusive and community focused Football Club that values its players, members, sponsors and supporters' ambitions and objectives. This Code of Practice serves as a practical guide for Players when representing the Sunshine Football Club as follows:

## **1. Respect - At all times**

- Coaches
- Team Mates
- Match Officials
- Umpires
- Opposition Players
- Supporters
- Volunteers
- Club Facilities

## **2. Safety is Paramount – Everyone has the right to feel “Safe” at all times**

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## **3. Discrimination Will not be tolerated in any form, with sanctions enforceable by the WRFL**

- Race
- Religion
- Gender
- Ability

#### **4. Abusive Behaviour - Will not be tolerated in any form**

#### **5. Social Media**

- Never post malicious, misleading or unfair content about the club, team mates, competitors, official or volunteers
- Do not post content that is obscene, defamatory, threatening or discriminatory to an individual, brand or entity.
- Do not post comments that you would not say directly to another person and consider how other people might react before you post.

#### **6. Parent/Supporter Conduct**

- Always be supportive of all Players, Coaching Staff and Volunteers
  - Direct all concerns to the Junior Administrator in the first instance
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- ◆ As a Sunshine Player we acknowledge the rules of the Sunshine Football Club and the Laws of the WRFL
  - ◆ Be a Team Player – It's a team game and played in the Spirit of the Game
  - ◆ Play for your enjoyment
  - ◆ No Smoking or Consumption of Alcohol permitted at JUNIOR games

## Breaches

The club requires a report about any Member, Player, Parent or Supporter who may be in breach of any code to be made directly to the executive committee and the following information must be provided:

- Details of the offence
- What section of the code has the offence breached
- Names of Witnesses

The executive committee will provide in writing notice to the Member, Player, Parent or Supporter to attend a mediation meeting to investigate, establish the facts and determine if in fact there was any breach.

- Failure to attend the mediation meeting could result in automatic assumption of guilt and the appropriate penalty provided.
- The person will receive such penalty in writing.

Any Member, Player, Parent or Supporter who are found in breach of any of the codes could face penalties as decided by the executive committee.

***The executive committee reserves the right to determine the penalty based on the severity of the breach and in severe cases this may result in instant termination from the club.***

## **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

By registering as a player I hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold the Players Code of Conduct of the Sunshine Football Club.

I understand that as an integral component of me playing Australian Rules Football, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game, team mates and club officials.

In representing myself in an honest manner and without bringing the game into disrepute, I will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of my ability:

1. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Rules Football and the Sunshine Football Club, including refraining from any discriminatory practices based on race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
2. I will play by the rules of the club and the laws of the game.
3. I will never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, we can't play football.
4. I will be supportive at all times and I will refrain from any form of bullying, personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with my team mates and the opposition players.
5. I will cooperate with my coach, umpires and team mates.
6. I will play for enjoyment and to improve my skills.
7. I will at all times display appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring the practice of fair play.
8. I will display and foster respect for team mates, umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.