



**Glen Waverley
Hawks Football
Netball Club**

**Central Reserve
(south oval)**

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Codes of conduct have been established to document the standards of behaviour that are expected from all players, parents, supporters and officials of our Club. It is the responsibility of everyone involved with our Club to ensure that these principles are upheld and maintained. Breaches of these codes will not be tolerated, and disciplinary action may be taken against offenders.

Coaches Code of Conduct

All of our coaches have adopted and signed the AFL Coaches Code of Conduct

Players Code of Conduct

The Club expects its players to observe acceptable codes of behaviour and sportsmanship at training, matches (before, during and after) and at Club functions. The player and parents Code of Conduct is signed off on when you registered your child in the T&C's

The code of conduct includes:

1. Respecting the decision of umpires

The role of umpires is to be recognised and respected at all times. You should never argue the decision of an umpire, make negative or derogatory remarks or gestures towards them. If you have any confusion over rule interpretation, this should be addressed with the Coach or Team Manager at an appropriate time.

2. Respecting and observing decisions of team officials

If a player disagrees with a decision made by a team official, they should discuss the issue in a calm and respectful manner with their Coach or Team Manager. Any form of physical or verbal abuse towards an official will not be tolerated.

3. Playing within the spirit of the game at all times

a. Players are to abide by the laws of the game, the By-Laws of the SMJFL and the rules of the AJFC
b. Players are to always compete fairly. You will win gracefully and honourably accept losses. You will deal with disappointments and setbacks in a humble manner.

4. Play for the right reasons

a. Play for enjoyment and be the best you can **b.** Put your club and team first.

Show self-control, self-discipline and self-respect

5. Respect

- a.** Always respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players, spectators and officials regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background or religion
b. Be a team player that is supportive, provides constructive direction and positive reinforcement – never ridicule another player's mistakes or performance
c. Treat all participants as you would like to be treated and do not bully or take unfair advantage of others

These codes of conduct extend to social networking sites such as, but not solely limited to: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Messenger Apps

Any breaches of the codes of conduct may result in suspension and possible exclusion from the team's 'Best and Fairest' awards

Other Player Expectations

Training All players are expected to attend all training sessions and arrive on time. If you are unable to attend or will be late, the coach is to be contacted (before training begins).

Players are required to follow the coaches' instructions and train to the best of their ability. Players are not to hinder another player's ability to train to their potential.

Players are required to wear / use the following items during each training session:

- Football boots
- Mouth guards
- Football shorts
- Football socks

Parents / Guardians Conduct of Conduct

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses
Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Do not use ugly remarks based on race, religion, cultural background, gender, sexuality, appearance, disability or football ability – you'll let down your coach, teammates and family if you do – & many such comments are now illegal.

By registering your child with the SMJFL parents agree to abide by these principles and support their Member Club in its undertakings and authorise their Member Club to take

any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct

Officials

- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, religion, cultural background, gender, sexuality, appearance, disability or football ability.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions. • Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

Administrators

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