

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that football is free from bullying, harassment, verbal and physical abuse, and that the game is played in a competitive, fair and respectful manner.

All participants have a responsibility to promote respectful and positive behaviour. As leaders and role models, Match Officials are expected to demonstrate the same high standards of behaviour that they require of players, coaches and team officials.

As a Match Official, you are required to comply with this Code of Conduct at all times.



THE CODE

1. Act professionally, ethically and with integrity at all times, both on and off the field.
2. Abide by the Constitution, Statutes, Rules and Regulations of Football Australia and Football South Australia, including Competition Rules and Policies.
3. Apply the Laws of the Game in a fair and consistent manner.
4. Communicate calmly, concisely, and respectfully to all players and team officials.
5. Engage appropriately with the team captain to assist with the effective management of the match.
6. Respond clearly, respectfully, and confidently to any appropriate approach by a team captain.
7. Do not make physical contact with players or team officials.
8. Do not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players, team officials or spectators. Where such behaviour occurs, take appropriate action in accordance with the Laws of the Game and competition regulations.

9. Do not tolerate acts of violence, aggression or unsporting behaviour. Where such behaviour occurs, take appropriate action in accordance with the Laws of the Game and competition regulations.
10. Be supportive, respectful and professional to all other Match Officials on and off the field.
11. Be respectful and courteous to everyone involved in the game.
12. Maintain fitness levels appropriate to the standard and level at which you are officiating.
13. Complete and submit all required match day documentation, including post-match reports accurately and within required timeframes.
14. Do not make public or online statements, including via social media, print or broadcast media, that are detrimental to the reputation or performance of Match Officials, players, clubs, associations, Football South Australia or Football Australia, or that undermine decisions or processes.
15. Abide by all aspects of the FA NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

I understand that I am required to comply with this Code of Conduct and that a breach may result in one or more of the following actions:

1. A requirement to apologise to any person or persons affected.
2. Counselling or education, as directed by Football South Australia or an appointed representative.
3. A reprimand, fine and/or suspension imposed by Football South Australia.
4. Suspension or removal of referee registration.
5. Referral to a disciplinary hearing conducted by Football South Australia or a relevant association, with sanctions imposed in accordance with applicable competition rules, regulations and Football Australia disciplinary frameworks.

