

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that our game is free from bullying, verbal and physical abuse; and that it is played in a competitive and fair manner.

All participants also have a responsibility to promote respect and good behaviour. As leaders and role models, match officials must demonstrate the same standard of behaviour that they expect from players, coaches and team officials.

Therefore it is essential that, as a match official, you play your part and follow the **Respect Code of Conduct** at all times.

### THE CODE

1. Act impartially and honestly at all times.
2. Abide by the Constitution (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the FFA and FFSA.
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 with the team captain to ensure the successful management of the game.
6. Respond clearly, respectfully and confidently to any appropriate approach by a team captain.
7. Make no physical contact with players or team officials.
8. Do not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or bad behaviour from players and officials. If it occurs take appropriate steps to deal with such behaviour.
9. Do not tolerate any acts of violence, aggression and unsporting behaviour. If it occurs take appropriate steps to deal with such behaviour.
10. Be supportive and respectful to all other match officials on and off the pitch.
11. Be respectful and courteous to everyone involved in the game.
12. Ensure that your fitness levels are appropriate for your level of officiating.
13. Complete and submit all required match day paperwork, including post-match reports, to the governing body in the required timeframes.



14. Make no **detrimental statements in public** (internet social media, print, radio) in respect of the performance of any other match officials, or any policy decisions of the Club, association, the FFSA or FFA.
15. Follow the "Play by the Rules" guidelines at [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)

**I understand that I must abide by this Code of Conduct and that sanctions may be imposed if I do not do so. I acknowledge that I may:**

1. Be required to apologise to any person or persons I have offended.
2. Receive counselling by the Referee Head Coach.
3. Be reprimanded, fined and/or suspended by the governing body.
4. Have my Referee Registration cancelled.
5. Face a disciplinary hearing of the local association and/or Football Federation SA and receive sanctions imposed by, and in accordance with the competition rules and regulations and FFA Disciplinary Regulations.

**GIVE IT!  
GET IT!**  
**RESPECT**



I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its terms:

Signed .....

Print Name .....

Date .....

