



## VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### VAFA SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The VAFA acknowledges its role in having its players and match officials being able to perform to their full potential in a safe and positive environment.

#### **VAFA expectations of Spectators:**

- Understand and adhere to the [AFL Victoria COVID-19 Return to Training and Playing](#) protocols which specifically exist for the health and safety of all people involved in VAFA football.
- Do not engage in conduct which may reasonably be considered to incite hatred towards, contempt for, ridicule of or discrimination against a person or group of persons on the ground of their age, race, religion, gender, colour, sexual preference, orientation or identity or special ability or disability.
- Refrain from using verbal or physical abuse in any form, whether it is against other spectators, match officials or players.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or match officials.
- Respect the decisions of match officials at all times.
- Never publicly criticise umpires. If required raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Refrain from having any influence on a VAFA match whilst acting as a spectator in a capacity that may affect the result or disrupt the course of the match.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Comply with any terms of entry into a VAFA match, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as alcohol, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that enhances the values of the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Conduct may be evicted from a venue and their club investigated to determine whether they have engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the Association or club of the Association or representative or official of a club.

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