



Doveton Eagles Football Club

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

IT IS HEREBY AGREED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF DOVETON EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB INC THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE DECLARED THE FORMAL POLICY PERTAINING TO CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DOVETON EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

1. AUTHORISATION

This policy was adopted by the Doveton Eagles Football Club Committee of Management on 2nd March, 2012, and is effective from this date forward.

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate that Doveton Eagles Football Club fully supports the codes of conduct introduced by the AFL and AFL Victoria. This policy applies to coaches, players and supporters. A copy of this policy will be placed on the Club's website and in the Club's Policy Folder.

3. BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATION

- Club has informally had codes of conduct in place. The intent of this policy is to formalise and streamline the codes of conduct relevant to Club operations and in line with the requirements of the AFL Quality Club Program.

4. PROCEDURES, KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

Coaches are responsible for:

- Completing the coaches accredited to coach in the Southern Football League
- Signing the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement.

Players are responsible for abiding by a code of conduct:

- Play by the rules - the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official - without these people, you can't play football.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player - it is a team game, treat it that way.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated - fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates.
- Play for your own enjoyment and to improve your skills.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability - you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do - and many such comments are actually now illegal.

Supporters are responsible for abiding by a code of conduct:

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but do not force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses - supporters are there to support not downgrade.
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- 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, gender or ability - you'll let down our family and yourself if you do - and many such comments are actually now illegal.
- Support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the 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.

5. RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

- AFL Victoria website (www.aflvic.com.au).
- Southern Football League website (www.sfl.com.au).

6. REVIEW DATE AND EVALUATION

This policy shall be reviewed by the Committee of Management by September, 2012. In order to improve the effectiveness of this policy, the review process will involve consideration of any inconsistent application of the policy, assess whether the policy has satisfactorily resolved issues covered by the policy, consider feedback or complaints by coaches, team managers and parents, changed circumstances and difficulties in implementing the policy.

I, agree that I have read this document and by signing it this document I agree to all requirement and understand the consequences of any breaches.

Signature:

Date: / / 2012