



American Football South Australia (AFSA)

Code of Conduct Policy

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1. Policy Overview and Purpose

American Football South Australia (AFSA) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all participants.

This policy establishes the expected standards of behaviour for all individuals involved in AFSA sanctioned activities and ensures conduct aligns with the integrity of the sport.

All participants must comply with this policy at all times.

2. Underlying Principles

- Respect for all participants and stakeholders
 - Safety and wellbeing as the highest priority
 - Integrity and fairness in all aspects of the sport
 - Accountability for behaviour and actions
 - Positive contribution to the AFSA community
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3. Scope and Application

This policy applies to all AFSA participants, including:

- Players
- Coaches
- Officials
- Volunteers
- Club administrators
- Parents and supporters

This policy applies to all AFSA sanctioned activities, including matches, training sessions, events, and any environment representing AFSA.

4. Core Policy Requirements

Participants must:

- Treat all individuals with respect and fairness

- Comply with all rules, policies, and instructions
 - Prioritise safety on and off the field
 - Accept official decisions appropriately
 - Act with integrity and honesty at all times
 - Contribute positively to team and community culture
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5. Procedures / Processes

All concerns or breaches should be reported through:

- Club channels, or
- AFSA directly (state matters)

Email: integrity@americanfootballsas.org.au

AFSA will assess all matters and determine appropriate action in line with governance procedures.

6. Breaches and Penalties

Failure to comply may result in:

- Formal warnings
- Suspension from participation
- Removal from roles or membership
- Competition sanctions
- Referral to Tribunal

All actions will be proportionate and follow procedural fairness.

7. Enforcement and Responsibility

This policy is enforced by:

- AFSA Board of Management
- Appointed AFSA officials
- Club administrators

All decisions must be consistent and evidence-based.

8. Related Policies

- Game Day Policy
- Competition Rules Policy
- Member Protection Policy
- Grievance & Dispute Resolution Policy
- Tribunal Policy

9. Policy Review and Approval

This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years or earlier if required.

It will be assessed to ensure alignment with AFSA governance, safety standards, and competition integrity.