



CODE OF CONDUCT | Yeppoon Swans Australian Football Club Inc.

("Yeppoon Swans")

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1. Introduction

Yeppoon Swans Australian Football Club Inc. is committed to providing a safe, respectful, inclusive and enjoyable environment for all players, families, volunteers and supporters.

All members of Yeppoon Swans are bound by the Codes of Conduct and policies set by AFL Queensland, as well as AFL National policies.

This Club Code of Conduct operates in conjunction with those policies and outlines additional expectations specific to our club community.

Where any inconsistency or disparity occurs, AFL Queensland policies take precedence.

2. Scope

This Code applies to the behaviour of all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, supporters and members when:

- Participating in matches or training
 - Attending club functions
 - Travelling to or from club activities
 - Wearing Yeppoon Swans apparel
 - Representing the club in any setting
 - Engaging in online or social media activity connected to the club or its members
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3. General Club Expectations (All Members)

All Yeppoon Swans members are expected to:

- Act respectfully toward players, coaches, officials, umpires, volunteers and spectators
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times

- Respect club and opposition facilities and equipment
- Follow all league and club rules, by-laws and policies
- Represent the club professionally in public and online
- Promote an inclusive environment free from discrimination
- Refrain from behaviour that may bring the club or the game into disrepute
- Comply with reasonable directions from coaches and club officials

Abuse, vilification, bullying, harassment, aggressive behavior or violence will not be tolerated.

4. Juniors (Auskick Play - U12)

4.1 Junior Player Expectations

Junior players are expected to:

- Play in the spirit of the game
- Listen to and respect coaches and officials
- Show respect to teammates and opponents
- Try their best and support others
- Follow club rules and directions
- Use facilities and equipment appropriately

Junior players must not:

- Engage in abusive or violent behaviour
 - Bully or harass others
 - Consume alcohol, smoke, vape or use illicit substances
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4.2 Parent & Supporter Expectations (Juniors)

Parents and supporters play a vital role in junior football and must:

- Encourage participation and enjoyment
- Respect umpires and officials
- Support all players regardless of ability
- Allow coaches to coach
- Avoid coaching from the sidelines
- Never ridicule mistakes
- Promote good sportsmanship

Parents/supporters must not:

- Use abusive or offensive language
 - Engage in violence or intimidation
 - Consume alcohol, smoke or vape at junior matches or activities
 - Be under the influence of illicit substances
 - Criticise players, coaches or officials publicly or online
 - Interfere with team management or coaches
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5. Youth (U13 - U18)

5.1 Youth Player Expectations

Youth players are expected to:

- Demonstrate leadership and sportsmanship
- Respect coaches, officials and teammates

- Follow all club and league rules
 - Represent the club positively
 - Support junior players and act as role models
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5.2 Alcohol & Drugs

Youth players must not consume, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances (including vapes) at any training session, match, function, tour or club activity.

Players must comply with all AFL and AFL Queensland Anti-Doping and Illicit Drugs Policies.

Any youth player selected to participate in senior football remains bound by all under-18 alcohol and drug restrictions.

5.3 Parent & Supporter Expectations (Youth)

All expectations listed under Junior Parents/Supporters continue to apply, including:

- Positive sideline behaviour
 - Respect for officials
 - No sideline coaching
 - No interfering with team management or coaches
 - No abusive language
 - No alcohol, smoking or vaping at youth matches
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6. Seniors (18+)

Senior players represent Yeppoon Swans both on and off the field and are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct.

Senior players must:

- Respect all participants and officials

- Represent the club professionally
- Follow all AFL, AFLQ and club policies
- Respect facilities and equipment
- Comply with coach and club directions

Senior players must not:

- Engage in abuse, vilification or violence
- Post inappropriate or harmful content online
- Bring the club or game into disrepute

Drugs & Anti-Doping

Senior players must comply with AFL Anti-Doping and Illicit Drugs Policies and must not:

- Use or possess illicit substances
 - Be under the influence at club activities
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7. Social Media & Online Conduct

All members must comply with the Yeppoon Swans Social Media Conduct Policy.

Members must not:

- Post abusive, bullying or discriminatory content
- Publicly criticise players, coaches or officials
- Share demeaning images or commentary
- Engage in online behaviour that harms the club's reputation

The club reserves the right to act on behaviour occurring in private groups or chats where club members are targeted.

8. Safeguarding & Blue Card Requirements

Yeppoon Swans is committed to child safety and wellbeing.

All coaches, officials and volunteers working with players under 18 must hold a valid Queensland Blue Card and comply with safeguarding, member protection and screening requirements.

9. Breaches & Disciplinary Process

Breaches of this Code or AFL Queensland policies may be addressed by the Club's Welfare & Conduct Committee.

Processes may include:

- Review of reported behaviour
- Opportunity for response
- Hearing (where required)

Possible outcomes include:

- Verbal or written warning
- Counselling or education
- Suspension
- Removal from club activities
- Expulsion

Serious matters may be referred to AFL Queensland or relevant authorities.

10. Acknowledgement & Agreement

By registering with or participating in Yeppoon Swans, members agree to:

- Abide by this Code of Conduct
- Comply with AFL Queensland policies

- Support club decisions relating to conduct matters
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11. Photographic / Video Consent

I consent to Yeppoon Swans Australian Football Club Inc. capturing and using photographs or video of me and/or my child for club promotion, publications and media, in print or digital formats.

I understand images may be used without compensation and release the club from any related claims.

SIGN-OFF & CONSENT FORM

Participant Name: _____

Team / Age Group: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if U18): _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Code of Conduct Agreement

I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Yeppoon Swans Code of Conduct and all associated policies.

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Agreement (U18 Participants)

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and will support the club in upholding these standards.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Photographic / Video Consent

- ☐ I consent to photographic and video use as outlined in this document
- ☐ I do not consent to photographic and video use

Signature: _____

Date: _____