



Coaches Code of Conduct

De La Salle Old Collegians Amateur Football Club (DLSOCAFC) is committed to providing men and women with the opportunity to play an enjoyable and competitive game of Australian Rules football in a safe and supportive environment. This Code of Conduct has been developed to give coaches an understanding of their responsibilities to ensure these objectives are met.

All DLSOCAFC Coaches will:

- uphold the AFL Coaches' Code of Conduct. (summarised below)
- maintain an AFL Coach Accreditation appropriate for the level of players that are being coached
- comply with the all Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) Policies and Guidelines including but not limited to:
 - Team selection and Game Day guidelines
 - Team Formation Guidelines
- Abide by and teach the AFL laws of the game, and the rules of the club and league
- comply with all reasonable and appropriate instructions from the DLSOCAFC Committee
- Consider the safety, physical and mental wellbeing of their players and abide by the judgement of any suitably qualified training staff as to the welfare of a player, including the concussion policy of "if in doubt, sit them out".

The AFL Coaches Code of Conduct

In representing myself in an honest manner, and without bringing the coaching profession or the Game into disrepute, I will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of my ability:

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, by refraining from any discriminatory practices including, but not limited to, discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnic background, special ability/disability or sexual orientation, preference or identity
- I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club and League/Association.
- I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health and wellbeing.
- I will be supportive at all times and will refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
- I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, activities and involvement in competition.
- I will stress and monitor safety always.

This Coaches Code of Conduct was endorsed by De La Salle Old Collegians Amateur Football Club Committee at its meeting on 12/ 07/ 2021 and remains in effect until rescinded or replaced.



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- In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill players to training and games.
- I will endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and factors relating to the welfare of my players.
- I will at all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play.
- I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- I will ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill-learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win.
- I reject the use of performance-enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL Anti-Doping and Illicit Drugs policies.

Breach of this Code of Conduct

Any complaints alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct will be treated very seriously and investigated in accordance with the grievance process endorsed by the De La Salle Old Collegians Amateur Football Club Committee.