



## **TERANG MORTLAKE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club fully supports the Codes of Conduct as introduced by AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria. The Codes of Conduct are applicable to all Club activities including fixture games, team training, social events and other club or team events.

It is the responsibility of Coaches and Team Managers to ensure that players, parents and supporters are aware of the code of conduct.

Copies of Codes of Conduct are to be kept by the Team Manager and made available to the Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club Committee on request.



## PLAYERS

- I will play by the rules – the rules of our Club and the laws of the game.
- I will never argue with an umpire or other official – if I disagree with a decision I will talk to my captain or coach.
- I will control my temper. I understand verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- I will work equally hard for myself and/or my team.
- I will treat all players as I would like to be treated.
- I will co-operate with my coach, teammates and opponents.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.
- I will play for my own enjoyment and to improve my skills.

## COACHES

*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 Rules Football and Netball, including refraining from any discriminatory practices based on gender, religion, cultural background, or special ability/disability.
- I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game, the Rules of Netball and the rules of our club and league.
- 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 well-being.



- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.
- I will stress and monitor player safety always, ensuring that rules, equipment, and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of players.
- I reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the AFL/NV Drug Policy.

## **ADMINISTRATORS**

- Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making in relation to their activity.
- Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Set a conduct example for others to follow.
- Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media ) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the club.



## **PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS**

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses- supporters are there for support.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires, raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Lead the way in stamping out ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.