



## AFL UMPIRE COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold the AFL Umpire Coaches' Code of Conduct.

*I understand that as an integral component of my accreditation, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game and the players/staff in my care.*

*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:*

1. *I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnic background or special ability/disability.*
2. *I will abide by and teach the AFL Laws of the Game and the Rules of my League/Association.*
3. *I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the umpires in my care, having due consideration for their health and well-being.*
4. *I will be supportive at all times and I will refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the umpires in my care.*
5. *I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my umpires when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.*
6. *I will stress and monitor safety always.*
7. *In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return of injured or ill umpires to training.*
8. *I will endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of my umpires.*
9. *I will at all times display and teach appropriate behaviour, ensuring that umpires understand and practise appropriate behaviours.*
10. *I will display and foster respect for umpires, players, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.*
11. *I will ensure that umpires are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities.*

I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to abide by the AFL Umpire Coaches' Code of Conduct.
2. I acknowledge that the AFL, or a body affiliated with the AFL, may take disciplinary action against me if I breach the code of conduct. I understand that the AFL, or a body affiliated with the AFL, is required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against me.
3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include de-registration from the AFL National Umpire Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

**Note:** This "Coaches' Code of Conduct" is to be signed and conformed to as part of the accreditation requirements of the AFL. Coaches should be aware that, in addition to this Code, they may be obliged to sign a further Code of Conduct/Ethics with their League and/or Association.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(TO BE SIGNED BY UMPIRING MANAGER)