



HENLEY SHARKS' PLAYER AND OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

Henley Sharks' Players and Officials Code of Conduct is in place to ensure football is a positive and enjoyable for everyone. All players and officials are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct and it is assumed upon registration and payment for the 2025 Season have read and understood the Code of Conduct.

Any players and officials who break the Code understand that there will be consequences, as deemed adequate by the Club.

Each Player and Official must:

- a) Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, or the League or the Club into disrepute;
- b) Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- c) Respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- d) Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, officials, parents and/or spectators;
- e) Never argue with or dispute a decision of an official or umpire. If a Participant disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations, Policies and Determinations;
- f) Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of or swearing at or in the vicinity of others, sledging players and/or coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent;
- g) Comply with the AFL and Adelaide Footy League Rules and Regulations including the National Member Protection Policy, the League By-Laws and this Code of Conduct;
- h) Never engage in any type of physical violence with players, umpires, officials, administrators and/or spectators either on or off the field:



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- i) Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly;
- j) Cooperate with their Club Officials, coaches and team-mates;
- k) Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, coaches and Club Officials;
- l) Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- m) Not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the participant or the Club;
- n) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- o) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about players, clubs, umpires, officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs);
- p) Use appropriately and respect the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams;
- q) Understand that the Henley Sharks Football & Netball Club is operated by Volunteers. Respect all volunteers who give up their valuable time and do what you can to assist the Club;
- r) Act in an appropriate manner at all times when at the Club and when representing the Club;

- s) Abuse of any bar staff at the Club or sponsor venues will not be tolerated;
- t) Always respect your fellow members and all visitors to the Club;
- u) Carry out any task if asked to do by the President or a Committee Member;
- v) Support other Club grades at every chance possible. Senior players should actively encourage junior players;
- w) Not to engage in any drug use at the club or its events. The Club is a drug free zone;
- x) Support all Club events and functions;
- y) Clean up after themselves and keep the Club premises as tidy as possible;
- z) Dress appropriately to arrive for games. Club top, dark pants and dark sneakers at a minimum - NO thongs, ugg boots, open-toed footwear;
- aa) Actively engage with your player sponsor both on game day and away from the Club; and
- bb) Pay all playing fees prior to the start of the 2025 Season