



# ST ALBANS FOOTBALL CLUB

## Code of Conduct – 2025

The St. Albans Football Club strongly supports all Coaches, Players, Match Officials, Umpires, Supporters, and Volunteers by introducing this 'Code of Conduct'.

### **1 - Respect - At all times**

- Coaches
- Teammates
- Match Officials
- Umpires
- Opposition Players
- Supporters
- Volunteers
- Club Facilities
- Committee

### **2 - Safety is Paramount - Have the right to feel "Safe" at all times**

- Coaches
- Teammates
- Match Officials
- Umpires
- Opposition Players
- Supporters
- Volunteers
- Committee

### **3 – Discrimination Regarding –**

*This will not be tolerated and legally enforced by the EDFL*

- Race
- Religion
- Gender
- Ability
- Sexuality

### **4 - Abusive Behaviour –**

*Will not be tolerated in any shape or form.*

### **5 - Parent/Supporter Conduct**

- Always be supportive of all Players, Coaching Staff and Volunteers
- Direct all concerns to our Jess Ellis, Junior Coordinator or Tammy Chamberlain, Child Safety Officer.

- ❖ **As a St. Albans Football Player, we acknowledge the rules of the St. Albans Football Club and the Laws of the AFL and associated leagues.**
- ❖ **Be a Team Player – It's a team game and player in the Spirit of the Game**
- ❖ **Play for your enjoyment.**
- ❖ **No Smoking or Consumption of Alcohol permitted at JUNIOR games.**

## **Breaches**

The club requires a report about any Member, Player, Coach, Parent or Supporter who may be in breach of any code to be made directly to the executive committee and the following information must be provided:

- Details of the offence
- What section of the code has the offence breached
- Names of Witnesses
- The committee will provide in writing notice to the Member, Player, Parent or Supporter to attend a meeting to investigate, establish the facts and determine if in fact there was any breach.
- Failure to attend the meeting will result in automatic assumption of guilt and the appropriate penalty provided.
- The person will receive such penalty in writing.

Any Member, Player, Coach, Parent or Supporter who are found in breach of any of the codes will face penalties that include but not limited to the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offence – 1 Week penalty from playing match day or attending any given match
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence – 2 Week penalty from playing match day or attending any given match/es
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – Termination from the club (*No refund of registration*) as player and member/supporter

The Executive Committee reserves the right to determine the penalty based on the severity of the breach and in severe cases this may result in instant termination from the club.



**PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

I....., hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold the Players code of conduct of the St Albans Football Club.

I understand that as an integral component of me playing Australian Rules Football, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game, teammates, and club officials.

In representing myself in an honest manner and without bringing 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 Rules Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices based on race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
2. I will play by the rules of the club and the Spirit and laws of the game.
3. I will never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you can't play football.
4. I will be always supportive, and I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with my teammates and the opposition players.
5. I will cooperate with my coach, umpires, and teammates.
6. I will play for enjoyment and to improve my skills.
7. I will always display appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring the practise of fair play.
8. I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents, and spectators.

Signature of  
Player.....Date.....

Signature of  
Parent/Guardian.....Date.....

**\*\*agreeing to this Code of Conduct will be mandatory at time of registration\*\***