



Victorian Amateur Football Association

Policies and Code of Conduct

## **UMPIRES CODE OF CONDUCT**

The objective of this “Code of Conduct” is to ensure that ALL umpires act in a manner, which places the umpire above reproach and having respect for players, officials and supporters whilst recognizing and ensuring the integrity of the VAFA and the Umpiring Group.

An umpire is required to be a person of sound character, willing to accept advice and constructive feedback and above all, to interpret the rules of the game in a fair and equitable manner.

The Victorian Amateur Football Association is aware that as members we have legal & ethical obligations to present ourselves in public in accordance with acceptable standards of behaviour.

It is important to maintain standards amongst VAFA Umpires for the integrity of the sport and the general good of all umpiring.

VAFA Umpires “Code of Conduct” must stand as a model for all umpiring groups to aspire to by adhering to the basic principal that the standard of behaviour is never below the standard required or compromised in any way.

There is an expectation that all VAFA Umpires are aware of their responsibilities under this “Code of Conduct”.

All VAFA umpires will represent themselves in an honest manner and without bringing the umpiring profession or the game into disrepute, will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of their ability.

1. All umpires agree to abide by the VAFA Umpires Code of Conduct.
2. All umpires acknowledge that the VAFA may take disciplinary action against any umpire if they breach the Code of Conduct and understand that the VAFA is required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principals of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against any umpire.



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3. All umpires acknowledge that disciplinary action against them may include deregistration from the VAFA & the VAFA Umpires Association.
4. All umpires will display and foster respect for fellow umpires, players, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents & spectators.
5. All umpires will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within context of their involvement with the VAFA.