



VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

VAFA SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The VAFA acknowledges its role to educate and promote respectful spectator behaviour and identify unacceptable behaviour, ensuring the match day experience is protected for all participants.

VAFA expectations of Spectators:

- Help foster an environment that is safe, equitable and welcoming for all people. Do not engage in conduct which may reasonably be considered to incite hatred towards, contempt for, ridicule of or discrimination against a person or group of persons on the ground of their age, race, religion, gender, colour, sexual preference, orientation or identity or special ability or disability. For the purpose of this policy, engaging in such conduct can be in-person or online.
- Refrain from using verbal or physical abuse in any form, whether it is against other spectators, umpires, players or VAFA staff.
- Show respect to every person you interact with by demonstrating appropriate social behavior, not using foul language or harassing players, coaches, match officials or VAFA staff.
- Respect the decisions of match officials at all times.
- Never publicly criticise umpires. If required raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Refrain from having any influence on a VAFA match whilst acting as a spectator in a capacity that may affect the result or disrupt the course of the match.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Comply with any terms of entry into a VAFA match, including no consumption of alcohol, or entering the venue with dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that enhances the values of the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Conduct may be evicted from a venue by security, and their club investigated to determine whether they have engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the Association or club of the Association or representative or official of a club.

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