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## 1. Purpose and Scope

The Burnside Heights Football Club Inc (BHFC) fully supports the codes of conduct as introduced by the AFL and AFL Victoria.

## 2. Policy

The BHFC code of conduct policy is mandatory and enforceable for coaches, players, parents, supporters and officials.

### Coaches Code of Conduct

- Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement. All coaches must be accredited to coach in our League. The coaches code of conduct can be viewed at <http://www.aflcommunity.com.au/index.php?id=168>

### Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people there is no game.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates.
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do. Many such comments are illegal.

### Parents and Supporters Code of Conduct

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Respect all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.

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- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do – & many such comments are illegal.
  - Acknowledge and support all club policies, For example; Smoke Free Policy and Alcohol Policy By registering your child with the Burnside Heights Football Club you agree to abide by these principles. You support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**President**  
**Vice President**