

Conduct Officials



Australians are justifiably proud of the place sport has in their daily lives. But what is equally important to all of us is the way the game is played and the manner in which our sportsmen and sportswomen conduct themselves.

Unfortunately, some people fail to live up to the traditional values of sport. Worse still, young people can be influenced and the rest of their sporting lives coloured by these experiences

The codes of behaviour identify a series of key principles on which young players, parents, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators should base their sporting involvement. Albury Wodonga Football Association supports these codes that seek to ensure young people develop good sporting behaviours and have an enjoyable experience of sport, which will encourage them to remain involved throughout their lives.

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.