
WOODEND HESKET FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB INC. CODES OF CONDUCT

MANDATORY & ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

The following Codes of Conduct apply to all Committee members, officials, players and supporters of the Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club Inc.

The Codes of Conduct set out the minimum standards of conduct for those participating in Club activities, both on and off the field.

- Committee members, officials, players and supporters shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner, which will positively promote and foster the image of the Club within the community.
- Senior grade coaches and players are urged to assist with the promotion and development of Australian Rules within the community, particularly within the schools of Woodend and district.
- Senior grade players are strongly encouraged to attend junior training as frequently as possible and to assist junior coaches and players.
- Players and officials are encouraged to wear official club clothing at all Club functions and activities.
- Players and Committee members are required to be financial members of the Club. Supporters are strongly encouraged to become members of the Club.
- Players and Committee members are required to attend fundraising and social functions, and where possible, assist in the organisation of these events.
- Alcohol must not be consumed by any person under 18 years of age at any Club activity or function.
- No alcohol is to be consumed at any junior match or function, and cannot be consumed prior to 12 noon at senior matches.
- Should these Codes of Conduct be breached, or the conduct of any player or member warrant, the Committee will take any action as it sees fit.

Coaches Code of Conduct

- Be familiar with the laws of Australian Rules football and/or netball and abide by the rules and conditions of the League and Club.
- Endeavour to attain coaching accreditation and to become an active member of local Coaches Associations.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and coaching developments.
- Through your behaviour in the community, develop personal respect to enhance the image of the Club and Australian Rules football and/or netball.
- Treat umpires and opposition sides with respect.
- Avoid physical and/or verbal confrontation with players and officials from other Clubs, and umpires at all times - use the Club President as a vehicle of communication to report any situations, which you believe to be unfair.
- Do not ask for, but rather earn the respect of your players through your dealings with them and the manner in which you perform your coaching duties.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.
- Never swear, or use abusive language during the game or when addressing the players. Refrain from ridiculing or berating individuals for making mistakes or losing a contest. Be mindful of the presence of young people and other spectators.
- Follow the advice of a qualified person when determining whether an injured player is ready to play again.
- Be aware of the differing needs and attitudes of players at the club, particularly young players.
- Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest desirable ideals and character traits in players. Emphasise the importance of the learning and development of skills and positive attitudes to players.
- Be supportive of activities designed to encourage participation of players at schools and junior development programs.
- Endeavour to provide positive feedback to players, if individual feedback is not going to be positive, carefully manage situations by planning what is to be said, keeping calm and being open-minded.

Players Code of Conduct

- At all times, abide by the rules of the League and Club. Rules of the game are mutual agreements no player should evade or break.
- Conduct yourself at a high level of personal behaviour on and off the field/court in such a manner so as not to bring the Club or sports of Australian Rules Football and/or netball into disrepute.
- Develop a respect for the League in which you compete, your Club, your team mates and opponents.
- Ensure that both on and off field behaviour is consistent with the principle of good sportsmanship. Refrain from ridiculing or berating team mates for making mistakes or losing a contest.
- Abide by team rules, look after your mates, and keep the team and Club's best interests in mind at all times. If you believe that a situation is unfair, raise any concerns with your Coach or a Club Official at an appropriate time.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race. Swearing is not acceptable.
- Do not abuse, dispute or react in an obviously provocative or disappointing manner toward an umpire.
- Do not assault or attempt to assault an umpire, another player, officials or spectators.
- Be willing to be involved in football and/or netball development and promotional activities.
- Should a player be unable to fulfil a playing, training or other commitment in any way, they must contact the appropriate Coach or Official and provide a reason for non-attendance.
- Injured and suspended players should make themselves available to assist the Club's volunteers on match days.

Member behaviour in the Social Club Rooms:

- Members are expected to behave in a socially acceptable manner, showing respect to other members/visitors and the Club property.
- Aggressive and/or violent behaviour is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Members damaging Club property will be required to pay for the damage and depending upon the circumstances may be required to leave the Social Club Rooms.
- Members who infringe the code of conduct will be asked by an Executive Committee Member to leave the Social Club Rooms, and their membership of the Woodend Hesketh Football Netball Club will be reviewed and may be in jeopardy.

Members signing guests into the Social Club Rooms:

- Members signing a guest(s) into the Social Club Rooms are responsible for their guest(s).
- Should the guest's behaviour become unruly or unacceptable towards other members, an Executive Committee member may request him/her to leave the Social Club Rooms. The member is required to ensure that the guest departs upon request.
- Upon entering the Social Club Rooms, guests agree to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Codes of Conduct Commencement

These Codes of Conduct were adopted by the Club's Committee on 28 February, 2012 and will take effect from 29 March, 2012.