



# Canterbury AFL Players Code of Conduct

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Football Club

hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold the \_\_\_\_\_ Canterbury AFL \_\_\_\_\_ Players Code of Conduct.

In representing myself in an honest manner, and without bringing \_\_\_\_\_ Canterbury AFL \_\_\_\_\_ or the Game into disrepute, I will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of my ability:

1. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement with \_\_\_\_\_ Canterbury AFL \_\_\_\_\_ and will not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnic background or special ability/disability.
2. I will play hard but fair and by the rules.
3. I will conduct myself in a sportsman like manor never arguing or abusing the umpires. If I disagree with a decision made by an official I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the game.
4. I will control my temper. I understand that it is not acceptable or permitted behaviour to verbally abuse officials and other players or deliberately distract or provoke an opponent.
5. I will recognize positive contributions made by all players, both my team-mates and my opposition. I will act in the spirit of sportsmanship congratulating and thanking my opponents and match officials at the end of the game.
6. I will treat all players as I would like to be treated – fairly, regardless of skill level or game understanding as we all started somewhere. I recognize taking advantage of, or bullying a team mate or opposition player will not be tolerated.
7. I will encourage development and share knowledge of skills and of the game.
8. I will co-operate with my coach, the umpires and team-mates.
9. I will play for my own enjoyment, to improve my skills, and for my team.
10. I will communicate to coaching/management staff if unable to attend fixtures in a reasonable timeframe.
11. I will give honest appraisal of injury or illness that may impact my wellbeing or my ability to play the game.
12. I will be punctual.
13. I will take responsibility for my performance on and off the field.
14. I will comply with all Anti-Doping regulations as set out by Drug Free Sport New Zealand and the World Anti-Doping Code.

I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to abide by the \_\_\_\_\_ Canterbury AFL \_\_\_\_\_ Players Code of Conduct.
2. I acknowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ Canterbury AFL \_\_\_\_\_ may take disciplinary action against me if I breach this Code of Conduct. I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ Canterbury AFL \_\_\_\_\_ is required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against me.
3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include removal from the AFL New Zealand programme I am participating in.

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Play fair / Play the ball**