

# PARENTS & SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT



## (AFL Victoria Regulations 5.1.4(b))

As parents and supporters of the Diggers Rest Junior Football Club Inc, your support in upholding the AFL Parents and Supporters Code of Conduct to the best of your ability is invaluable.

It is an integral component of your affiliation with the Diggers Rest Junior Football Club, that parents and supporters must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game, the Club and the Riddell District Football League.

All parents and supporters of the Diggers Rest Junior Football Club Inc. are expected to uphold the following to the best of their ability and without bringing the Club, the Riddell District Football League or the Game into disrepute:-

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage child 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.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires, Club officials, Club Volunteers, opposition Clubs/Players, and the RDFL – raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – such comments are illegal.

It is also expected that you will play an active role in fulfilling positions that must be filled on game day – including but not limited to: goal umpire, timekeeper, boundary umpire, umpire escort, interchange steward, waterperson. These positions are a compulsory requirement for the team to take to the field to play the Game.

When registering your child with the Diggers Rest Junior 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 Committee, Coaches, Players, Parents and or Spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.