Bridgewater Football Netball Club

Club Code of Conduct

The Bridgewater Football Netball Club (BFNC) is committed to providing and maintaining a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment for all our players and members whilst also ensuring the good reputation of Australian Rules Football, Netball and the Loddon Valley Football Netball League.

This code of conduct has been developed to meet the requirements outlined by the Australian Sports Commission document "The Essence of Australian Sport Code of Behaviours", Netball Victoria Junior Code of Conduct and AFL Victoria Code of Conduct and has been approved by the Bridgewater Football Netball Club Executive Committee.

The Executive, Committee, Administrative Officials, Coaches and Support Staff, Volunteers, Members, Players and Supporters will maintain the following standards whilst undertaking or attending any approved Bridgewater FNC activities, BFNC functions, participating in and / or watching any BFNC games or representing the BFNC in any capacity, shall adhere to the following and demonstrate the 5 core values.

- **Integrity**
- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Fairness**
- **Safety**

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others. Respect your Coaches and Team Officials and treat all your team mates and opposition as you would like to be treated.

- Be responsible for your own actions and ensure that your behaviour is fair and honest.
- Play by the rules without bad temper or arguments.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of football, netball and their associated activities.
- Participate because you enjoy it, not to please parents or coaches.
- Refrain from any harassment or discrimination based on age, gender, race, religion or ability which includes the responsible use of social media.
- Be a positive role model, especially for peers, junior players and the community.
- Avoid any reportable offences, breaches or misconduct on and off the field or court.
- Show respect for the facilities, equipment and property belonging to the BFNC and opposing clubs (and / or its members).
- Ensure you always bring the appropriate uniform, etc on game day.
- Always approach the Umpires in a courteous way and accept their decision is final. Remember they are there so that you can play.
- Co-operate with your teammates and encourage and assist all players.
- Always give 110% and participate for the enjoyment and to help others reach their full potential.
- Do not engage in practices that affect your sporting performance (prior to or during a game) such as alcohol or drug use.
- Drugs are illegal and the BFNC will not tolerate the use of drugs in any form at the Club or at a Club function.
- Most importantly respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play i.e. Coaches, Umpires, Team Managers, Timekeepers, Scorers, Club Officials and Volunteers. Remember they are all volunteers who are giving up their time.