



AFL Riverina Umpire Code of Conduct

AUDIENCE: AFL Riverina Umpires, AFL Riverina Umpire Coaching Group and Support Staff

AIMS: To provide umpires the expectations that must be followed while being a registered umpire with AFL Riverina and outlines the standards and behaviours that are expected of all people involved with AFL Riverina Umpiring.

DETAILS:

The AFL Riverina Umpiring Group is committed to providing a safe working environment for all umpires which is free of harassment, bullying, violence and victimisation, where individuals can perform their task free from distress or interference.

All AFL Riverina Umpires, Umpire Coaches and support staff are expected to represent the AFL Riverina Umpire Group in a professional manner at all times. This includes at umpire training, umpire and football functions, before, during and after any football match and comments made to the public in regard to umpiring or football related matters. All AFL Riverina Umpires, Umpire Coaches and support staff have an obligation to the AFL Riverina Board, leagues and clubs to observe high standards of integrity and respect to all parties involved in the game of Australian Football.

AFL Riverina Umpires, Umpire Coaches and support staff will treat all people with courtesy and respect, recognising that there are legitimate differences in opinions based on race, culture, religion, language, gender and abilities. The AFL Riverina Umpiring Group expects all members to behave in a professional manner and to treat each other with dignity and respect at all times and adhere to a professional code of conduct.

AFL Riverina Umpire Behaviours

AFL Riverina Umpires, Umpire Coaches and support staff will always act as follows;

- Maintain a high standard of integrity and professionalism
- Be responsible with the proper use of equipment and facilities of the AFLNEB, leagues and clubs where umpires are appointed
- Exercise fairness, equality, courtesy, consideration and sensitivity when dealing with other umpires, League and Club personnel, players and supporters
- Promote the interests of AFL Riverina Umpiring
- Perform duties with skill, honesty, care and diligence
- Abide by policies, procedures and lawful directions of the AFL Riverina Board and Umpiring Coaching Staff

- Under no circumstances may an umpire accept a gift or reward from any league, club or player that is outside the expected payment for umpiring services as agreed by AFL Riverina and participating Leagues

Breaches of this Code

Any umpire, umpire coach or support staff member in breach of this code may be subject to disciplinary action. Depending on the nature of the breach, penalties may include suspension from umpiring or termination of registration.

The penalty for breaches of this code will be determined by AFL Riverina or any higher body where it is deemed necessary.