



# ST ALBANS FOOTBALL CLUB

## Code of Conduct – 2026

The St Albans Football Club is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, members and supporters.

### 1. Respect

All members must show respect at all times towards:

- Coaches and teammates
- Match officials and umpires
- Opposition players and supporters
- Volunteers and committee members
- Club facilities and property
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### 2. Safety

Every person involved with the club has the right to feel safe and supported at all times.

This applies to:

- Players
- Coaches
- Officials and umpires
- Volunteers
- Supporters
- Committee members
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### 3. Discrimination

The club has zero tolerance for discrimination of any kind, including:

- Race
- Religion
- Gender
- Ability
- Sexuality

Any discriminatory behaviour may result in disciplinary action under EDFL policies and relevant legislation.

### 4. Abusive Behaviour

Abusive, threatening, intimidating or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in any form.

### 5. Parent and Supporter Conduct

Parents and supporters are expected to:

- Support all players, coaches and volunteers in a positive manner.
- Refrain from attempting to recruit or encourage St Albans players to join another club.
- Direct any concerns through the appropriate club channels, including the Junior Development Coordinator or Child Safety Coordinator.

## **Player Expectations**

As a St Albans Football Club player, you agree to:

- Follow AFL, EDFL and club rules and policies.
- Play in the spirit of the game.
- Be a positive team player.
- Respect teammates, opponents and officials.
- Play for enjoyment and development.
- Observe the club's no smoking and no alcohol policy at all junior matches.
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## **Breaches of the Code**

Any alleged breach of this Code must be reported to the Executive Committee and include:

- Details of the incident
- Relevant section(s) of the Code breached
- Names of any witnesses

The Executive Committee in conjunction with the Child Safety Coordinator will:

1. Investigate the matter.
2. Provide written notice to the individual involved.
3. Offer the opportunity to attend a meeting and respond.
4. Determine whether a breach has occurred and advise the outcome in writing.

Failure to attend a requested meeting without reasonable explanation may result in the matter being determined based on the available evidence.

## **Disciplinary Action**

Where a breach is established, penalties may include:

### **First Offence**

- Up to 1-week suspension from match-day participation.

### **Second Offence**

- Up to 2-week suspension from match-day participation and/or attendance.

### **Third Offence**

- Termination of membership and playing registration, with no refund of fees.

Additional sanctions may apply, including the refusal of transfer requests.

## **Executive Committee Discretion**

The Executive Committee reserves the right to impose penalties that reflect the seriousness of the breach. Serious misconduct may result in immediate suspension or termination of membership.

## PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

I....., hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold the Players code of conduct of the St Albans Football Club.

As a player of the St Albans Football Club, I understand that I represent myself, my teammates, my club, and the game of Australian Rules Football. I commit to maintaining a high standard of behaviour both on and off the field and will conduct myself in a manner that reflects the values of the Club.

As a player, I agree that:

**1. Respect Others**

I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals and will not engage in any form of discrimination, harassment or bullying of any sort or based on race, religion, gender, sexuality, cultural background, physical or ability.

**2. Play by the Rules**

I will abide by the rules, policies and expectations of the St Albans Football Club, the EDFL, and the Laws of Australian Rules Football.

**3. Respect Officials**

I will respect umpires, match officials and club representatives at all times and will not argue, abuse or intimidate them.

**4. Support Teammates and Opponents**

I will encourage and support my teammates and treat opponents with respect. I will refrain from any form of verbal, physical or social abuse.

**5. Work as a Team**

I will cooperate with coaches, teammates, officials and volunteers and contribute positively to the team environment.

**6. Play for Enjoyment and Development**

I will strive to improve my skills, enjoy the game and contribute to a positive football experience for everyone involved.

**7. Demonstrate Sportsmanship**

I will display fair play, honesty and integrity at all times, both on and off the field.

**8. Represent the Club Positively**

I will act in a manner that upholds the reputation of the St Albans Football Club and will not engage in behaviour that brings the Club or the game into disrepute.

**9. Promote a Safe Environment**

I will contribute to a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment where all participants feel respected and valued.

### Player Acknowledgement

I understand that adherence to this Code of Conduct is a condition of my registration and participation with the St Albans Football Club. I acknowledge that breaches of this Code may result in disciplinary action in accordance with Club and EDFL policies.

Signed:.....