



## AFL MASTERS VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN SUPERRULES FOOTBALL LEAGUE (INC.)

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### **Acknowledgement, Warning and Disclaimer**

The AFL Masters Victorian Metropolitan Superules Football League (Inc) (hereinafter referred to as “the League”) includes its officers, employees, volunteers, contractors, and agents.

Australian Rules Football is dangerous. Participation may result in serious injury, permanent incapacity, or death. By registering, you acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions.

#### **1. League Rules & Conduct**

You agree to comply with all League Rules, By-laws, and Codes of Conduct, including any future amendments. This is “Football for Fun,” and you must follow directions from the League, Club officials, team management, and umpires.

#### **2. Participation at Own Risk**

Participation is entirely at your own risk. You accept full responsibility for any injury, illness, or death resulting from play. All medical, ambulance, and related costs are your responsibility, even where such support is available at the competition.

#### **3. Insurance**

No personal injury insurance cover is provided by the League or included in any fees. It is strongly recommended that players and officials obtain private medical and ambulance cover before participating.

#### **4. Player Conduct**

You must not engage in behaviour that breaches League Rules, By-laws, or Codes of Conduct, or that endangers others. The League reserves the right to determine breaches and take appropriate action.

#### **5. Release & Indemnity**

You release and indemnify the League, its Clubs, and officials from all claims, costs, liabilities, and expenses connected to your participation in this competition.

#### **6. Medical Responsibility**

You acknowledge it is your responsibility to ensure you are medically fit to participate and have undertaken any necessary health checks before playing.

#### **7. Accuracy of Information**

You confirm that all personal and contact information provided is true and correct. False or misleading information may result in ineligibility to play or receive awards.

#### **8. Fees & Refunds**

A non-refundable \$10 administration fee applies to all participants upon registration. \*\*No refunds apply under any circumstances.\*\*

**By completing your registration, you acknowledge that you have read and understood these Terms & Conditions and agree to be bound by them.**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Introduction**

AFL Masters Vic Metro (**AFLVM**) is a values-driven League built on safety, inclusion, respect and enjoyment. The purpose of this Code is to clearly set out behavioural standards expected of everyone involved – players, coaches, umpires, club officials and spectators – to ensure the spirit of AFL Masters is always upheld in accordance with the following values and behaviours:

### **AFLVM Values**

#### **1. Camaraderie and Belonging**

*Every player is a teammate, every club is a community, and everyone belongs.*

Key Behaviours -

- **On-field:** Celebrate teamwork over individual achievements.
- **Off-field:** Strengthen connections between clubs and players.
- **Inclusive Practices:** Welcome and support everyone, regardless of background, gender, or ability.
- **Community Spirit:** Promote a family-friendly and supportive environments.

#### **2. Footy for Fun and Wellbeing**

*We embrace the joy of football while prioritising health, safety, and wellbeing.*

Key Behaviours -

- **Positive Spirit:** Encourage enjoyment and participation over winning.
- **Safe Environment:** Promote mental and physical health.
- **Health Focus:** Drive initiatives that encourage fitness and wellbeing.

Respectful Play: Enforce rules that keeps AFL Masters safe and fair.

#### **3. Integrity and Sustainability**

*We uphold the spirit of AFL Masters through fairness, transparency and sustainable growth.*

Key Behaviours:

- **Fair Play:** Strive for equitable arrangements for all clubs and players.
- **Governance:** Maintain high standards of accountability, professionalism and ethical practices.
- **Growth-Oriented:** Drive sustainable strategic development.
- **Standards:** Ensure ethical behaviour and compliance with minim standards.

The AFL Masters Vic Metro League is a place where everyone can feel safe and included.

In the spirit of “Football for Fun”, an important principle that underpins AFL Masters, we reiterate the following standards that we expect of each other:



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### **PLAYERS**

The Player understands and agrees to:

#### ***Respect for the Game***

- Play within the spirit and Laws of Australian Football, prioritising safety, fairness, enjoyment and respect.
- Understand and respect the modified nature of Masters football, recognising varying physical abilities and the need to avoid unnecessary or excessive force.

#### ***Positive Sporting Behaviour***

- Demonstrate positive sporting behaviour, uphold the spirit of Masters football and accept decisions and outcomes with maturity
- Accept decisions of umpires and officials without dissent. Any concerns must be raised through the AFLVM complaints or game-day escalation processes – never on-field.
- Manage emotions and never engage in abuse, intimidation, harassment, provocation or behaviour likely to escalate conflict (including online or via social media).

#### ***Respect for all Participants***

- Show unconditional respect for all participants including teammates, opponents, umpires, volunteers, coaches, league officials and spectators.
- Respect differences in age, culture, gender, ability and background.

#### ***Safety & Welfare***

- Never engage in any type of physical or verbal violence, threats, intimidation or unsafe behaviour on or off the field.
- Avoid any conduct (including online) that brings themselves, their Club, the League or the game into disrepute. This includes bullying, harassment, vilification, discrimination, abuse, or any behaviour contrary to the values of AFLVM.

#### ***Compliance***

- Comply with all relevant AFLVM and AFL policies including the National Member Protection Policy, Anti-Doping Policy, Illicit Drugs Policy and AFLVM Social Media and Code of Conduct.
- Respect facilities, equipment and club/League property at all times.
- Cooperate respectfully with club and League officials, coaches and teammates, contributing to a safe and positive environment, including throughout any formal processes or investigations.

### **COACHES**

The Coach understands and agrees to:

#### ***Leadership & Culture***

- Lead with integrity, model respectful behaviour and foster a safe, enjoyable, Masters-appropriate environment for all players in line with the AFLVM Values.
- Treat all individuals fairly and create an environment free from discrimination, intimidation or harassment.



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### ***Coaching Practice & Expectations***

- Ensure coaching practices reflect the AFL Masters context – prioritising load management, injury prevention, wellbeing, enjoyment and skill development rather than performance pressure.
- Promote learning, connection, health, wellbeing and enjoyment as the primary purpose of participation.

### ***Respect & Conduct***

- Show respect for all participants and enforce zero tolerance for abuse, dissent, discrimination, vilification or poor conduct from players or spectators.
- Enforce AFL Anti-Doping, Illicit Drugs and integrity policies.

### ***Compliance & Professional Standards***

- Teach and model compliance with all AFL Laws, AFLVM By-Laws, and League expectations.
- Maintain CoachAFL accreditation and adhere to relevant professional standards.

## **UMPIRES**

An Umpire understands and agrees to:

### ***Professionalism & Integrity***

- Umpire with impartiality, professionalism and consistency, upholding the AFL Laws of the Game, AFLVM Modified Rules and fostering a safe environment – upholding the spirit of AFL Masters.
- Prepare appropriately and always officiate to the best of their ability.

### ***Behaviour & Reporting***

- Follow AFLVM processes when handling reports, investigations or game-day incidents.
- Refrain from public commentary, criticism or discussion about umpires, players, clubs or match incidents (including online).

### ***Respect, Safety & Welfare***

- Where possible in a contact sport, umpire in a way that seeks to prevent injuries to players participating in the match by discouraging unnecessary force, enforcing the rules and encouraging fair play.
- Show respect to all participants and maintain strict professional boundaries.
- Uphold zero tolerance for abuse, threats or aggression.



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### **SPECTATORS**

All Clubs and Players are responsible to ensure that their spectators respect the spirit of AFL Masters, and maintain a safe and inclusive sports environment for all

- Promote positive sideline environment behaviour free from aggression, abuse, harassment, foul or abusive language, or alcohol-fuelled misconduct.
- Support umpires and discourage any form of dissent or intimidation.
- Respect decisions of umpires and officials, and direct any concerns through the appropriate Club or AFLVM channels.
- Applaud good performance from both teams.

Clubs must actively manage alcohol consumption, match-day environments and any behaviour that risks safety or the spirit of the League.

### **Breaches of the Code of Conduct**

Breaches of this Code may result in sanctions under the National Community Football Policy Handbook or AFLVM By-Laws, including warnings, education, mediation, fines, suspension, removal of points or removal from the competition.