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Keilor Park Football Club - Players Code of Conduct

1. Purpose

Players are central to the culture, reputation, and success of Keilor Park Football Club.

This Code of Conduct outlines the expected behaviours of all players and aligns with the standards set by the Essendon District Football League, ensuring a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment both on and off the field.

All players are expected to uphold these standards at training, games, club functions, and in the broader community.

2. Player Responsibilities

All players must:

- Play by the rules and laws of Australian Football and respect the spirit of the game
 - Be a team player — act with honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship at all times
 - Participate for enjoyment, development, and team success — not just winning
 - Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, or religion
 - Treat others as you would expect to be treated
 - Follow the directions of coaches, team managers, and officials
 - Respect umpires' decisions at all times — without argument or dissent
 - Shake hands with opponents and umpires before and/or after matches where applicable
 - Represent the club positively in all environments, including public and social settings
 - Attend training and matches prepared, committed, and punctual
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3. Respect & Behaviour Standards

Players must:

- Show respect to:
 - Coaches



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- Teammates
 - Umpires
 - Club officials
 - Opposition players and supporters
 - Support and encourage teammates — never ridicule or criticise performance
 - Accept feedback in a constructive manner
 - Demonstrate self-control and discipline at all times
 - Understand that their behaviour reflects directly on the club
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4. Unacceptable Behaviour

The following behaviours are strictly prohibited:

- Verbal abuse, dissent, or arguing with umpires or officials
 - Bullying, harassment, or intimidation (on or off the field)
 - Physical aggression outside the rules of the game
 - Discriminatory or offensive language (including racial, religious, or gender-based comments)
 - Deliberate acts that may injure another player
 - Bringing the club or competition into disrepute
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5. Social Media & Electronic Communication

Players must uphold the same standards online as they do in person.

Unacceptable behaviour includes:

- Posting or sharing abusive, offensive, or inappropriate content
- Criticising teammates, coaches, umpires, or the club publicly
- Engaging in bullying or harassment via:
 - Instagram
 - Facebook
 - Messaging apps, SMS, email, or other platforms



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All online activity must reflect the values and standards of the club and the Essendon District Football League.

6. Alcohol, Drugs & Club Expectations

(Aligned with club policies and EDFL expectations)

- Players must not consume alcohol if under 18 years of age
 - Senior players are expected to model responsible behaviour in line with the club's Alcohol Management Policy
 - The use of illicit drugs is strictly prohibited
 - Players must present themselves in a fit and safe condition to train and play
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7. Escalation Process

Breaches of this Code of Conduct will be addressed as follows:

1. Report to the **Team Manager** or Coach
2. If required, escalate to:
 - Junior Coordinator, or
 - Senior Football Operations Manager
3. Serious matters may be referred to the **Football Committee**
4. Where applicable, matters may also be escalated to the Essendon District Football League for review and sanction

All incidents should be documented where appropriate.

8. Disciplinary Actions

Failure to comply with this Code may result in:

- Verbal warning
- Formal warning
- Suspension from training or matches
- Internal club sanctions
- Referral to the league tribunal or disciplinary process



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- Deregistration from the club (in severe cases)

Repeat or serious breaches will result in stronger disciplinary action.

9. Commitment to Club Culture

Keilor Park Football Club is committed to:

- Providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful playing environment
- Supporting player development both on and off the field
- Upholding the values and expectations of the Essendon District Football League
- Promoting teamwork, discipline, and respect

Players are expected to contribute positively to this culture at all times.

10. Policy Promotion

The club will ensure this Code of Conduct is:

- Provided to all players at the start of each season
 - Reinforced through coaches and team officials
 - Displayed within club facilities
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11. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains:

- Current with EDFL rules and expectations
- Practical and enforceable
- Reflective of community standards