

**Mangoplah Cookardinia United Eastlakes Football & Netball Club – Code of Conduct**

**Football/Netball Responsibilities**

1. Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
2. The Player shall attend all nominated training sessions and games as set by the Club and its Coaches. Where that is not possible, the player will personally advise the coach or may not be considered for selection.
3. At all times show respect to Club officials, players, supporters and volunteers, of your own and other clubs.
4. Respect and follow directions of coaching staff, match and club officials. At all times, show respect to trainers, coaching assistants and those helping at training or on match day.
5. Avoid individual or collective behaviour which might be considered offensive or which might incite retaliatory action from others.
6. In the event that a player is injured and is unable to play, it is understood that the player shall fulfill Club commitments by attending all matches whilst injured and supporting fellow players.

**General Responsibilities**

1. Conduct yourself at all times as good citizens and members of the wider community and not act in any way, on or off the field, which might bring bad publicity to, or prejudice the good standing of the MCUE F&N Club. Club members must not display poor behaviour which compromises sponsorship, Club operational requirements or MCUE F&N Club reputation. This shall include bullying, discrimination, racism, antisocial behaviour or damage to club property or equipment. Such behaviour is unacceptable and will result in sanctions, eg club imposed suspension, deregistration or disciplinary action.
2. Respect the facilities and equipment of the club and opposing clubs. Volunteer as required and assist the club by:
   1. Setting up and packing away training equipment and aids
   2. Setting up and cleaning up on match days
   3. Participating in fundraising, working bees, club raffles and rostered duties as required. It is your responsibility to ensure your obligations are met.
3. Welcome new players, their families and supporters to the club and make them feel part of the MCUE community.
4. Ensure you and others do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender, ability, incite bullying or intimidation.
5. Abide by the [AFL’s guidelines](https://s.afl.com.au/staticfile/AFL%20Tenant/AFL/Files/Schedule%202%20-%20National%20Social%20Media%20Engagement%20Policy.pdf) on the use of social media. Do not use information technology to make or post inappropriate comments/photos against players, clubs, officials of the league, which are inflammatory, discriminatory, offensive or abusive or brings the club into disrepute.
6. The choice of members to consume alcohol or take drugs is acknowledged however it is inappropriate to do so at the MCUE Football & Netball Club when it places others at risk of harm and brings the MCUE Football & Netball Club and it’s ‘family friendly’ environment into disrepute. Therefore, the MCUE Football & Netball Club reserves the right to take action, including deregistration or disciplinary action, if a member is:
   1. affected by alcohol or other drugs, so as to endanger their own safety or the safety of any other person in or during the course of a match or social club function;
   2. found in the possession of drugs or unauthorised drug use equipment on the MCUE Football & Netball Club premises; or
   3. affected by alcohol or other drugs, so that the member’s performance is affected
   4. known to be acknowledging significant use or involvement in production of illegal drugs or alcohol via   
      friendship groups, social media, playing groups or family.
7. Be a role model and show guidance to the younger players involved in the Club and the EMCU Junior Club and young people in general in the wider community.
8. The Player shall, within reason, attend all club functions including the Club presentation function, MCUE Ball, after match game day awards and presentations.

By registering as a player with the MCUE Football & Netball Club I agree to abide by these principles and am prepared to take responsibility for my own actions.

NAME: SIGNATURE: DATE: