



# **NORTHERN EAGLES SOCCER CLUB**

## **REFEREE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Club Referees play a crucial role in maintaining the spirit of soccer, and their involvement is conditional upon adherence to this Club Referee Code of Conduct. Violations of this Code of Conduct, including but not limited to the following, will result in disciplinary action:

- Disrespecting players, coaches, officials, or spectators.
- Failing to apply the Laws of the Game fairly and consistently.
- Engaging in verbal or physical abuse.
- Using offensive language, racial or religious remarks.
- Displaying bias or conflict of interest.

### **COMMITMENT TO THIS CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Club Referee, I WILL:

- Understand and exercise the duties of a Club Referee to the best of my ability.
- Abide by the Northern Eagles Soccer Club Referee Code of Conduct.
- Apply the Laws of the Game fairly, consistently, and impartially.
- Support and promote the principles of Fair Play and Fair Conduct.
- Act respectfully towards all players, club officials, spectators, and VCFA officials.
- Ensure that the "spirit of the game" is not lost by over pedantic interpretations of the laws. Allow the game to flow.
- Explain the rules and calls where appropriate to players.
- Not tolerate inappropriate language or behaviour from players, coaches and officials.
- Ensure that the coach and team manager are also held responsible for the conduct of parents and spectators.
- Conduct myself in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of my club, VCFA and soccer in general.
- Ensure that the safety and welfare of players remains a top priority.
- Wear the VCFA Referee shirt when officiating in any fixture.
- Undertake appropriate training to fulfill my duties effectively.



- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person, regardless of gender, ability, race, religion, or cultural background.
- Act honestly and transparently, ensuring that my role as a Referee is never misrepresented for personal gain.
- Maintain proper records and submit all required details and reports as required by the League.
- Only act as a Club Referee for one Club at any time during the season unless approved by the League.

**As a Club Referee, I WILL NOT:**

- Engage in, or condone, offensive language, verbal abuse, or aggressive behaviour.
- Engage in or condone violent conduct, sexual harassment, racial abuse, or discrimination in any form.
- Allow external factors (team preferences, personal bias, intimidation) to influence my decisions.
- Misrepresent my involvement in the Club Referee Program to gain an advantage.
- Engage in conduct that brings the Northern Eagles Soccer Club, VCFA or soccer into disrepute.

**Referee Acknowledgment:**

By registering as a Referee, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to follow this Code of Conduct while serving as a Club Referee for Northern Eagles Soccer Club.