



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS & CARERS

The Torquay Football Club (the Club) strongly supports efforts by the AFL and AFL BARWON (the League) to improve player, parent, official and supporter behaviour.

The Club requires every parent/carer:

- Encourage participation but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not to denigrate.
- Lead by example by demonstrating respect for all players, coaches, umpires and spectators and insist that your child and their supporters also show this same respect.
- Do not allow or participate in any form of verbal abuse including remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
- Understand that physical abuse or intimidation is totally unacceptable in all situations.
- Recognise that the people involved are volunteers giving up their valuable time for your child.
- Never publicly criticise umpires or seek to approach an umpire at any time – issues should be brought up only with the Team Manager.
- Direct all concerns about behaviour or the team through the Team Manager and if required through the Club Committee and not directly to AFL Barwon.
- Acknowledge that a breach of this Code or the By-laws of the Club or League is likely to involve some sort of disciplinary action that could include a formal apology, suspension of a player or parent, fines or other sanctions and that you will support the Club in these matters.
- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Conform to the club's social media policy.

**Parents or carers of registered players (U9–U18) agree to and comply with the Parent & Carer Code of Conduct.**

**Any breach of these codes, or of the Club and League by-laws, may result in disciplinary action.**

**This may include, but is not limited to, a formal apology, suspension of the player, parent or family members, fines, or other sanctions.**

**By registering, you also agree to support the Club in enforcing these rules.**