



Litchfield Football Club – Player Code of Conduct

This Player Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected of all players registered with Litchfield Football Club (LFC).

It aligns with the LFC Constitution, Football Australia National Code of Conduct and Ethics, Football Northern Territory Codes of Conduct,

and applies to all players at training, matches, club events and any activity where a player represents the Club.

1. Core Expectations

All players are expected to:

- Play football in the spirit of fairness, fun and respect.
- Act honestly, responsibly and with integrity at all times.
- Comply with the Laws of the Game, competition rules and club policies.
- Behave in a manner that upholds the reputation of Litchfield Football Club and the broader football community.

2. Respect for Match Officials

LFC has zero tolerance for abuse of referees or match officials. Players must:

- Respect the decisions of referees and match officials at all times.
- Never argue with, abuse, intimidate or threaten a referee.
- Accept decisions without dissent, gestures, sarcasm or aggressive behaviour.
- Allow the team captain or coach (where permitted) to communicate respectfully with officials.

Any form of referee abuse may result in immediate disciplinary action by the Club, in addition to competition sanctions.

3. Behaviour Towards Others

Anti-social behaviour is not accepted by Litchfield Football Club, as outlined in the Club Constitution.

Players must not:

- Engage in verbal, physical or emotional abuse of teammates, opponents, officials, volunteers or spectators.
- Use offensive, obscene, racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory language or gestures.
- Bully, harass, intimidate or victimise any person, including via social media.
- Engage in violence, threats of violence or property damage.

All players are expected to contribute to a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

4. Conduct On and Off the Field

Players represent LFC both on and off the field. This includes:

- Showing respect at training, matches, social events and online.
- Avoiding behaviour that may bring the Club or the game into disrepute.
- Using social media responsibly and refraining from posting material that is abusive, discriminatory or damaging to the Club.

5. Safety and Wellbeing

Players must:

- Look after their own safety and the safety of others.
- Follow instructions from coaches and officials regarding injury management and player welfare.
- Refrain from alcohol or substance misuse in connection with football activities.

6. Breaches and Discipline

Breaches of this Code may be managed in accordance with:

- Litchfield Football Club Constitution
- Club Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures
- Football Northern Territory and Football Australia regulations

Disciplinary actions may include warnings, suspension, removal from matches or training, or termination of membership.

7. Acknowledgement

All players are required to read, understand and comply with this Code of Conduct as a condition of membership and registration with Litchfield Football Club.