



# WILLIAMS LANDING FOOTBALL CLUB

## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

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## 1. Our Commitment to You

Williams Landing Football Club (WLFC) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment where every player can develop their football skills, build friendships, and experience the joy of being part of a team. This Code of Conduct outlines the standards we expect from all players to maintain our positive club culture.

### 1.1 What We Stand For

- **Respect** for all participants regardless of background, ability, or experience
- **Inclusion** ensuring everyone feels welcome and valued
- **Fair play** both on and off the field
- **Personal development** through football and life skills
- **Community spirit** supporting teammates and celebrating success together

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## 2. Your Responsibilities as a WLFC Player

### 2.1 Personal Conduct

#### Play for the Right Reasons

- Participate for your own enjoyment, fitness, and skill development
- Set personal goals and work toward achieving them
- Embrace challenges as opportunities to improve
- Remember that football is a game – have fun while playing

#### Be Your Best Self

- Arrive on time for training sessions and matches
- Come prepared with appropriate equipment and a positive attitude
- Give your best effort in every activity, regardless of the score or situation
- Take care of your physical and mental wellbeing



## 2.2 Respect and Inclusion

### Respect Every Person

- Treat all participants with dignity regardless of gender, cultural background, religion, sexual orientation, or ability level
- Use inclusive language that makes everyone feel welcome
- Stand up against discrimination, bullying, or harassment
- Celebrate diversity as a strength of our club

### Value Different Perspectives

- Listen to teammates, coaches, and officials
- Be open to feedback and constructive criticism
- Support players who may be struggling or new to the team
- Recognise that everyone contributes differently to team success

## 2.3 Fair Play and Sportsmanship

- Learn and follow the laws of the game
- Compete fairly without seeking unfair advantage
- Accept decisions made by match officials
- Show modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- Congratulate opponents and officials after matches
- Represent WLFC with pride in all your actions

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## 3. Interaction with Others

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### 3.1 Teammates and Club Members

- Support and encourage all teammates during training and matches
- Resolve conflicts respectfully through discussion or by involving coaches
- Include new players and make them feel welcome
- Speak positively about teammates and club activities
- Avoid gossip or negative talk that could harm team unity

### 3.2 Coaches and Officials

- Follow instructions from coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers
- Ask questions when you don't understand something
- Accept coaching feedback as an opportunity to improve
- Demonstrate respect for all club volunteers who give their time
- Respect referee decisions even when you disagree
- Thank match officials at the end of games



### 3.3 Opponents and Other Clubs

- Compete hard but fairly against all opposition
  - Help opponents up when they fall
  - Avoid provocative behaviour or unsporting conduct
  - Behave appropriately when visiting other clubs
  - Be a positive ambassador for WLFC in the broader football community
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## 4. Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

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### 4.1 Physical Health and Safety

- Be honest with coaches about injuries, illness, or physical concerns
- Follow safety guidelines during training and matches
- Use appropriate protective equipment when required
- Report unsafe situations or behaviours to coaches immediately
- Avoid dangerous play that could injure yourself or others

### 4.2 Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Talk to trusted adults if you feel unsafe, uncomfortable, or worried
  - Ask for help with any football-related or personal issues
  - Support teammates who may be experiencing difficulties
  - Recognise that it's okay to have bad days or struggle with confidence
  - Balance football commitments with school, family, and other interests
  - Communicate with coaches if you're feeling overwhelmed
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## 5. Digital Citizenship and Social Media

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### 5.1 Online Behaviour

- Follow the club's Social Media Policy in all digital communications
- Think before posting – consider how content reflects on you and the club
- Avoid sharing inappropriate images or information about teammates
- Report cyberbullying or online harassment to trusted adults



## 5.2 Privacy

- Respect teammates' privacy in photos and social media posts
  - Ask permission before posting images that include other people
  - Be cautious about sharing personal information online
  - Understand that digital content can have lasting consequences
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## 6. Equipment and Facilities

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### 6.1 Personal Equipment

- Arrive with clean, appropriate football equipment
- Label personal items to avoid loss
- Inform coaches if you need help obtaining required equipment

### 6.2 Club and Venue Facilities

- Use club equipment carefully and return it after use
  - Keep change rooms and common areas clean and tidy
  - Follow venue rules at all training and match locations
  - Report damaged equipment or facilities to coaches
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## 7. Understanding Consequences

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### 7.1 Minor Issues

Minor behavioural issues will be addressed through discussion and education. Coaches work with the player to understand and correct the problem. Parents may be involved in discussions about repeated minor issues.

### 7.2 Serious Breaches

Serious violations may result in:

- Temporary suspension from training or matches
- Requirement to complete educational activities
- Meetings involving players, parents, and club officials
- In extreme cases, termination of club membership and referral to Football Victoria



### **7.3 Support Throughout the Process**

The club's focus is on rehabilitation and personal growth. Players receive support to understand and learn from mistakes, and every reasonable opportunity for redemption and return to full participation is provided.

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## **8. Getting Help and Support**

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### **8.1 Who to Talk To**

- Your coach for football-related concerns
- Team Manager for administrative issues
- Child Safety Officer (Elizabeth Vidos) for safety or welfare concerns
- Club committee members for serious issues

### **8.2 External Support**

- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
  - Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
  - Lifeline: 13 11 14
  - Emergency Services: 000
  - Child Protection: 13 12 78
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## **9. Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

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- Set goals for football skill development and personal behaviour
  - Seek feedback from coaches and teammates
  - Reflect on your contributions to team culture
  - Volunteer for club events and community activities
  - Mentor younger or newer players
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## **10. Contact Information**

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### **10.1 Club Contacts**

General Enquiries: [secretary@williamslandingfc.com](mailto:secretary@williamslandingfc.com)

Child Safety Officer: Elizabeth Vidos – [secretary@williamslandingfc.com](mailto:secretary@williamslandingfc.com)



Club President: [president@williamslandingfc.com](mailto:president@williamslandingfc.com)

## 10.2 Emergency Contacts

Emergency Services: 000

Child Protection: 13 12 78

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## 11. Acknowledgment

By registering with Williams Landing Football Club, all players acknowledge they have read, understood, and agree to comply with this Player Code of Conduct. This policy should be read alongside the WLFC Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy, and Child Safety Policy.

*“At Williams Landing Football Club, every player matters. We are committed to helping you grow as a footballer and as a person while having fun and making lasting friendships.”*

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### Document Control

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