

# Victorian Metro Masters Australian Football Inc [Victorian Metro MAF]

## 1. Philosophy and Code of Conduct – 2005

*“Knox Lions Superules Football Club ”* is committed to the ideals, principles and disciplines of Masters Australian Football as expressed in the attached Philosophy and Code of Conduct.

The Executive Committee of *“Knox Lions Superules Football Club”* requires all members, players and supporters to commit to and abide by the Philosophy and Code of Conduct.

All members, players and supporters should take the time to read them carefully and acknowledge their commitment by signing the attached **Members Code of Conduct Form** and returning it to the Club.

**The Members Code of Conduct Form must be signed by the member, the President and witness prior to the member being accepted as a member of the Club.**

### Umpire penalties for on field offences

All players are reminded of the Order-Off-Rule that may be imposed by all field umpires and Victorian Metro Masters Australian Football Inc Executive Committee members.

A **Green card** penalty being automatic send-off for the remainder of the current quarter plus the next Quarter. **Player can be replaced.**

A **Yellow card** penalty being automatic send -off for duration of the match. **Player can be replaced.**

A **Red card** penalty being automatic send-off for the remainder of game plus automatic next game suspension. **Player cannot be replaced.** (Tribunal can be called if necessary.)

## 2, Insurance, Injury and Member Consent Form – 2005

Due to the excessive rise in the costs of insurance cover, the National Board of Masters Australian Football, in conjunction with all MAF State Associations has made the decision **NOT** to seek personal accident cover or loss of wage insurance for players and officials.

All players and officials are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to make provision for their own Accident, Life, Income Protection and Health insurances to protect themselves in the event of injury sustained whilst participating in Masters Australian Football.

Consequently, every participant in Victorian Metro MAF Inc will be required to **complete and sign a Members and Players Membership Consent Form prior to undertaking any playing or non-playing role with their respective clubs.**

**The Members and Players Membership Consent Form must be signed by the member, the President and witness prior to the member participating in any game of football in which the Club is involved.**

## Philosophy of Masters Australian Football – 2005

The most important aspect of our game is that it is **"FOOTBALL FOR FUN"**.

All MAF participants should adhere to this philosophy and accept the following guidelines:

1. Egos are to be left at home.
2. Criticism of other player's performance and ability is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
3. The game is played for fun and enjoyment by all.
4. Disputing an umpire's decisions or abuse of any umpires is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
5. On field and off field fighting, violence or bad language is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

6. Games Selection Criteria.

We obviously need far more players to get through a season than can take the field at the start of any given match, and whilst every player will be given the chance to play, selection cannot help but be influenced by the following:-

- paid membership, attendance at training, participation in club activities and duties and willingness to travel to away games.

The above does not mean that players who cannot train or play regularly will not be welcomed and get a game, however they must be prepared to accept and understand our priorities, just as we understand that at our age there are a variety of factors that prevent some players being available each week.

7. Not withstanding point 6, every effort will be made to give all players equal time on the ground.
8. Hospitality to visiting teams is very important. As we partake of other team's hospitality during our travels to away games, all players should recognise the importance of returning the favour.
9. Masters Australian Football recognises the importance of involving our families in our activities and will continue to make a conscious effort to do so.
10. New players are always very welcome, but should be made fully aware of the Philosophy and Code of Conduct and adhere to what is required of them as a representative of the club and Masters Australian Football.

**Remember, at our age, it is not how many games you win, but how many games you play. For that reason we have modified rules and modified attitudes to playing in order to minimise the risk of injury and keep us playing and enjoying our great game even longer.**

# Code of Conduct – 2005

## Introduction

The Code of Conduct covers both on-field and off-field activities. It covers verbal as well as physical conduct and applies to all members, players, umpires, coaching staff, support staff and supporters.

The Code of Conduct is for the benefit of all members, players, spectators, their friends and families.

## Code of Conduct Principles:

1. The Rules of Victorian Metro MAF shall be adhered to at all times.
2. The Philosophy of Masters Australian Football shall be adhered to at all times.
3. Disputing the Umpire's decision will not be tolerated.
4. Violence, fighting or threatening behaviour at any game or club function will not be tolerated.
5. Swearing, abusive and threatening language at any game or club function will not be tolerated.
6. Racial or religious abuse, vilification or actions that may offend another will not be tolerated.
7. Members, players and supporters shall respect and abide by directives of the Club administration.

## Procedures for Reporting of Breaches.

Any person (the complainant) who witnesses a breach of the MAF Code of Conduct shall report such incident directly to any member of the Club Executive Committee.

Reports of minor indiscretions or incidents may be reported verbally. Incidents of a serious nature can initially be communicated verbally but must be followed up in writing.

## Investigation Procedures.

Any verbal or written report of a breach of the Code of Conduct shall be heard by the Executive Committee who shall convene a meeting at the earliest possible time in order to investigate the alleged incident.

The complainant may, if desired, remain anonymous to all but the Executive Committee who shall keep the person's identity confidential.

The Executive Committee will fully investigate all aspects of the reported incident and must consult with all parties involved, all the time maintaining the complainant's confidentiality if requested.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to impose any or all of the prescribed penalties.

The Executive Committee shall report the outcome of their investigations firstly to the offending party, secondly to the complainant, thirdly to all Club Members and be fully reported in the Minutes of the next Executive Committee Meeting. The opposition club shall also be informed in writing of the action taken.

The Executive Committee have the authority and power to impose any or all of the prescribed penalties on any complainant if the Committee deems the complainant's report to be frivolous, unjust, spiteful or intended to unfairly injure or discriminate against any person or persons.

## **Disciplinary Actions and Prescribed Penalties.**

In all reported cases, the Executive Committee shall counsel the offending person(s) and instruct them in the Philosophy of Masters Australian Football and how they should conduct themselves.

### **Where the incident is considered to be a minor offence:**

The offending person(s) may be cautioned and receive a warning not to re-offend.

A second or subsequent breach of a minor nature will be treated as a significant offence.

### **Where the incident is considered to be a significant offence:**

The offending person(s) will have their membership suspended for a period determined by the Executive Committee.

The offending person(s) will be suspended from playing for a period determined by the Executive Committee.

The offending person(s), not being a member of the Club, will be suspended from attending Club games or functions for a period determined by the Executive Committee.

A second or subsequent breach of a significant nature will be treated as a serious offence.

### **Where the incident is considered to be a serious offence:**

The offending person(s) will have their membership cancelled indefinitely.

The offending person(s) will be suspended from playing indefinitely.

The offending person(s), not being a member of the Club, will be suspended from attending Club games or functions indefinitely.

# Members Code of Conduct Form

I, .....(Full Name)

Of

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(Full Address)

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as a member of the *“Knox Lions Superules Football Club”*  
trading as the *“Knox Lions Superules Football Club”* (“The Club”) agree to be bound by the following:

1. I have read and understand the Philosophy and Code of Conduct of Masters Australian Football.
2. I agree to conduct myself according to the Philosophy and agree to be bound by the Code of Conduct.
3. I....., agree not to issue any claims against “The Club”, Committee or members now or in the future for any action they may take or penalty imposed upon me should I breach the Code of Conduct.
4. I agree to indemnify the Club, Committee or members if somebody issues claims against any of them in connection with injury, loss or damage I suffer or cause.

**In signing this Code of Conduct form, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above terms and requirements and hereby agree to be bound by all such terms, conditions and requirements.**

Signed: ..... Date ...../...../.....

Member/Player Full Name: (Please print) .....

President: ..... Date .... /..... / .....

Witness: ..... Date ..... /..... / .....