

Mernda Dragons Rugby League Club

Code of Conduct

Purpose

The Mernda Dragons Rugby League Club Code of Conduct ensures that all members, players, volunteers, parents, and supporters uphold the highest standards of behaviour. It is designed to create a safe, positive, and inclusive environment, aligned with the NRL National Code of Conduct and NRL Victoria policies.

Core Values

Value	What It Means
Respect	Treat all people with courtesy and dignity.
Integrity	Be honest and fair, on and off the field.
Safety & Wellbeing	Prioritise the welfare of players and the community.
Fairness	Play by the rules and encourage equal opportunity.
Responsibility	Take ownership of your actions and represent the club with pride.

Expectations by Role

Players

- Play fairly and within the spirit and rules of rugby league.
- Respect referees, teammates, coaches, opponents, and volunteers.
- Avoid bad language, bullying, harassment, or abuse.
- Be punctual, prepared, and committed to training and matches.
- Care for club and opposition facilities and equipment.

Coaches, Team Managers & Volunteers

- Lead by example, modelling positive behaviour and sportsmanship.
- Provide a safe, encouraging, and inclusive environment.
- Communicate respectfully with all players and families.
- Use constructive feedback to develop players' skills and confidence.
- Follow child safety requirements and maintain confidentiality.

Parents, Guardians & Spectators

- Support all players in a positive way, regardless of ability or result.
- Respect match officials and their decisions.
- Refrain from abusive, insulting, or discriminatory behaviour.
- Allow coaches and managers to carry out their roles without interference.
- Encourage enjoyment and participation over winning at all costs.

Unacceptable Behaviours

- Abuse (verbal, physical, discriminatory, or online).

- Harassment, bullying, or vilification of any person.
- Alcohol or drug use in ways that compromise safety.
- Dangerous play, cheating, or deliberately breaking rules.
- Any conduct that brings Mernda Dragons, NRL Victoria, or rugby league into disrepute.

Child Safety

- Mernda Dragons has zero tolerance for child abuse.
- All members must act in the best interests of children and young people.
- Any concerns must be reported to the Club Committee or the Member Protection Officer.
- We uphold the NRL Victoria Child Safe Standards at all times.

Social Media & Public Behaviour

- Speak positively about the club, referees, and participants.
- Do not post harmful, defamatory, or offensive material.
- Protect the privacy of others, particularly children.
- Remember: online actions reflect on the club.

Compliance & Reporting

- Breaches of this Code can be reported to the Club Committee or the Member Protection Officer.
- Consequences may include warnings, suspension, removal from club activities, or deregistration, in line with NRL Victoria disciplinary procedures.

Member Agreement

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Mernda Dragons Rugby League Club Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by this Code at all times and understand that breaches may result in disciplinary action.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Role (circle one): Player / Parent / Coach / Official / Volunteer / Spectator

Reviewed and endorsed by the Mernda Dragons Rugby League Club Committee