

AFDA Code of Conduct – Ultimate Frisbee

Expected Behaviour

AFDA Members that play Ultimate Frisbee are always expected to comply with the following standards of conduct while participating in AFDA sanctioned events, leagues, training camps or at any time as part of an AFDA selected team.

- 1. Spirit of the game** – Play fairly and understand and follow the rules of the game.
 - (a) Our sport relies on the spirit of sportsmanship which places the responsibility of fair play on the players themselves.
 - (b) The responsibility for the maintenance of this spirit rests on every player's shoulders.
 - (c) Understanding and playing by the rules is every player's responsibility.
 - (d) A player should never set out to ignore or deliberately break any rules.

- 2. Respect for team mates & opponents** – Be respectful of all other players of the game.
 - (a) Highly competitive and committed play is encouraged, but never at the expense of the bond of mutual respect between players.
 - (b) If an issue cannot be resolved between players, players should approach their team captain to try to settle the problem as quickly as possible.
 - (c) Any abuse of another player is never acceptable.

- 3. Respect for staff and volunteers** – Be respectful when dealing with staff and volunteers including event organisers and administrators.
 - (a) Volunteering is a key part of Ultimate Frisbee, and without the efforts of volunteers, our sport would not function.
 - (b) Staff and volunteers deserve to be treated with respect.
 - (c) Any abuse of staff or volunteers, including event organisers and administrators, is never acceptable.

- 4. Fair treatment of others** – Treat all other players fairly without harassment or discrimination.
 - (a) The AFDA is committed to the fair treatment of all players involved in Ultimate Frisbee.
 - (b) All players must comply with the AFDA Member Protection Policy which prohibits harassment and discrimination.
 - (c) All members must be treated fairly regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.

- 5. Safe play** – Play in a safe and orderly manner and obey the rules about safe play.
 - (a) Rules and policies exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all people involved in Ultimate Frisbee.
 - (b) Players should not engage in conduct that is dangerous or potentially harmful to either themselves or others.
 - (c) The AFDA has implemented a set of policies to regulate safe play including a Pregnancy Policy, Sun Protection Policy, Hot Weather Policy, Lightning Policy, Anti-Doping Policy, First Aid Policy and Venue Inspection Checklist.
 - (d) Players and event organisers are required to comply with the AFDA safe play policies.

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- 6. Off-field behaviour** – Behave appropriately when not on the field and when training or touring with an AFDA selected representative team.
- (a) All players are expected to behave appropriately and in accordance with this Code of Conduct in an off-field environment. This include:
- (i) at the fields both before and after playing in any AFDA sanctioned league or tournament;
 - (ii) at parties, social events and/or any other function that is organized as part of an AFDA sanctioned event;
 - (iii) at any time while training, touring or competing with an AFDA selected representative team.
- (b) At all times, all AFDA members are expected to follow the AFDA responsible alcohol policy.
- 7. Compliance with AFDA policies**
- (a) All players must respect and comply with all AFDA policies.
- (b) In addition to the policies already mentioned, these policies include policies about:
- (i) membership eligibility and selection requirements for national teams;
 - (ii) player protection and mediation of disputes;
 - (iii) event administration which determine qualification and eligibility requirements for national events and international competitions;
- 8. Be an ambassador for our sport** - Promote our sport through good conduct and behaviour
- (a) We are all ambassadors for our sport and the teams that we play for.
- (b) How each member behaves directly effects what others think about our sport.
- (c) Behaviour that will bring Ultimate Frisbee or the AFDA into disrepute is a breach of this Code of Conduct.

Unacceptable behaviour

A breach of the Code of Conduct will occur if a player does not comply with the expected standards of behaviour set out in the Code.

A breach may therefore include (with reference to the relevant clause), but are not limited to:

- Cheating or deliberate fouling (spirit of the game)
- taunting or abusive heckling (respect for other players)
- violence against another player (respect for other players, safe play)
- dangerous play (safe play)
- threatening an event organiser (respect for volunteers)
- making a racist or sexist comment (fair treatment of others)
- giving alcohol to a minor at a tournament party (off-field)