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WHO WE ARE

Club Respect helps grassroots sports clubs build and maintain a deep culture of respect, safety, fairness and equality; ultimately helping to reduce violence and abuse across our wider society from the ground up.

Get this right at club level and people thrive, feel safe, and are able to enjoy the pleasures and opportunities that sport provides.

Whether you're a coach, committee member, team manager, president, volunteer, parent, supporter or player, Club Respect gives you simple and effective strategies to make a positive impact in and around your sports club.

When people are empowered to positively influence those around them, they become change makers in their clubs and in the wider community.

Make your club a place of respect.
Whatever your role, whatever your sport.
All clubs. All codes. All levels.
This is a winning formula.
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WHAT WE DO

TRANSFORM YOUR CLUB

Transforming a club's culture is rewarding, well worth the effort. But first we need to understand that nothing magical occurs here. Every part of a club's operation has to come under the spotlight. From its mission statement, canteen practice, volunteer policy, to its sanctions in place for breaches of Code of Conduct.

SET THE STANDARD

Yes, everyone loves a winner, but a 'win at all costs' mantra comes at a cost. It creates unease and distress, translating into excessive pressure on coaches, unnecessary pressure on players, compromising player wellbeing and a disregard for club values and its mission.

TACKLE COMMON ISSUES

No matter how well your club's travelling, issues will surface. That's normal. Some may be difficult to handle and take time and energy to properly resolve. That's normal too. But how does your club deal with issues? Are responses reactionary, inconsistent and unplanned? Or does it have clear processes that reflect the club's mission, values and Code of Conduct?

WHAT YOU CAN DO

PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE MEMBER

You significantly shape club culture. For good or for bad. Presidents and committees do a lot of heavy lifting for the club. You can tell when a club is in poor shape when bad behaviour is commonplace and not dealt with properly.

COACH & TEAM MANAGER

Taking on the role of a sports coach or team manager is taking on a powerful leadership role. You're entrusted to look after their well-being and provide honest and accurate feedback on behaviours.

PARENT & SUPPORTER

Sport can be a wonderful teacher of valuable life lessons; humility, compassion, persistence, teamwork and collaboration.

PLAYER

You benefit most when you bring your best self to your sport, on and off the field.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers affect the club's culture. Great volunteers value teamwork, treat people with respect and openness and enjoy the company of others.

WHERE TO FIND US

The Club Respect digital platform holds all our recommendations and guidance on how to make your club a more inclusive, welcoming, safe, fair and respectful place.

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“When we talk about culture, it’s about the people who are involved in a club, and the club culture is the fabric that underpins everything – the core values and principles the club stands for, and our core value is respect.”

- Peter Robinson, Player Well-Being, Melbourne Storm

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“The local club is constantly being asked to be more than just a sports organisation. It is expected to be the guardian, the keeper, the teacher, the values and attitudes setter, the disciplinarian and another form of family for many of its members.

What each and every sports club in the land needs right now is the tools and the support to meet the ever-increasing demands placed upon them, in a world where time, money and patience is often short in supply.

Clubs need simple, practical advice and help that is time-efficient, useful and sensible allowing them to do what they’re there for and to do what they do best and that is to provide opportunities for every member of the community to play and enjoy their sport of choice.”

– Margot Foster AM, Olympian



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