

LET'S HAVE A CHAT... CALLING ALL CAPTAINS!

Football Federation SA is committed to providing a safe environment, free of harassment and abuse for all participants of our game. As leaders, you play a vital role in helping us achieve this aim.

FFSA's **Respect** program has four key steps. These will help to improve the behaviour of participants on and off the field. **YOU** have a key role as the **captain Leading the Team**.

*"It's not enough to be a great player to be a captain. You have to be a great leader who commands and shows **Respect**."*

FABIO CAPELLO

[Former England Manager]

Therefore it is essential that **YOU** play your part and always follow the Respect Code of Conduct.

THE ROLE OF THE CAPTAIN

As captain your team sees you as a leader, as a role model, someone they look up to. This role, and your status amongst your teammates, carries significant responsibility.

Only the captain may approach the referee in regards to the decisions that have been made during a game. Captains must lead from the front and ensure that their players observe this requirement. This does not mean that the referee can only speak to the captain. The referee will address other players when required to assist with game management.

The role of the captain will be to work with the referee to manage the players and the game effectively. When required the referee will involve the captain in discussions but this will not be required for every incident that occurs in the game.

Here are some examples of the role of the captain:

1. The referee may ask the captain to speak to a player who is continually offending and runs the risk of being cautioned or dismissed.



2. The referee may request that the captain try to calm down a player who has been involved in a challenge and is agitated.
3. The referee may ask both captains to speak to their players due to the poor behaviour of players.

REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTAINS ON MATCH DAY

1. Introduce yourself to the referee prior to the game.
2. Ensure that all players are aware of and understand their responsibilities.
3. Wear the Respect captain's armband provided to the club by FFSA.
4. Follow the directions of the referee.
5. Deal to the best of your ability with any poor behaviour shown by team mates.

Additionally, a vice-captain should be appointed and made aware of the role of the captain in case the appointed captain is not on the field of play.

**GIVE IT!
GET IT!**
RESPECT



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Community way of life!

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its terms:

Signed

Print Name

Date