



Spectator Behaviour Management

For: **All Clubs and match officials dealing with disruptive spectator behaviour**

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There will be instances during the course of the season where by some spectators will display disruptive behaviour at our Football Matches. This policy is to provide some recommended courses of action in the event of any such behaviour.

Dealing with Unruly Spectators

The recommended courses of action are:

- Officials have a responsibility to identify these spectators in an attempt to curb this type of behaviour and it is suggested that in the first instance you ascertain which club/team the spectator is 'supporting' and ask a Club Official from that club/team to speak with the spectator.
- If the disruptive behaviour continues, the Home Club Officials should request that the spectator leave the ground and provide a monetary refund
- FSC certainly does not want to encourage club officials to participate in a physical confrontation with individuals that are exhibiting violent or disruptive behaviours.

FSC recommends that if people do not remove themselves as requested that:

- Should a spectator that has been asked to leave become violent, or make threats, the appropriate action is to contact the Police.
- The individual is identified where possible and an Incident Report is submitted to Football South Coast who in turn can report the matter to FNSW or FFA who have the ability to sanction those individuals from participating in any / all levels of the game

The FSC Spectator Code of Conduct

The FSC Code of Conduct is attached as follows. For Men's Premiership Competition games – prior to each game and at half time, spectators are to be reminded of the code over the PA system. For all games, where it is possible and a PA system exists, It is recommended that spectators are reminded of the code throughout the course of the game day.



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To ensure that all spectators are able to equally enjoy any Football South Coast sanctioned match in a safe and secure environment **it is a condition of entry** to this venue that each person **MUST**:

1. RESPECT the decisions of Match Officials without abuse or recourse;
2. NOT engage in any form of harassment or abuse, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures so as to incite hatred or violence or partake in any indecent, racist chanting or anti-social behaviour;
3. RESPECT the rights of every person present regardless of their beliefs or background;
4. NOT encourage, NOT incite and NOT participate in any form of violence towards any person present
5. RESPECT all duly appointed Ground & Club Officials, Coaches and Players without abuse or recourse;
6. ACCEPT all other terms and conditions of entry to a public venue, including “bag” inspections.

Note: All prohibited and restricted items such as flares, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause any injury or public nuisance **will be confiscated** & handed to the relevant State Authorities for re-claim;

7. ACCEPT the ban on bringing other national and political flags, banners or emblems into this venue (except for recognised Australian National or State flags);
8. NOT throw any item whatsoever onto the field of play or at other spectators, officials or people;
9. NOT enter the field of play, designated restricted flagged-off areas or its surrounds at any time;
10. BEHAVE in a socially acceptable & responsible manner that enhances the reputation and goodwill of FFA, Football NSW, Football South Coast and the community.
11. NOT bring any alcohol, illegal substance or drug whatsoever into this venue.
12. Comply with the FFA Spectator Code of Conduct, a copy which is available at www.footballaustralia.com.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Any person who does not comply **with any part of this Code of Conduct** or who otherwise causes a disturbance will (1) be reported to the relevant State Police Authorities, (2) **will be evicted from this venue** and (3) may be banned from attending any or all future Football South Coast matches.