

## SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

A spectator at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity sanctioned or staged by, or held under the auspices of, Football Federation Australia Limited or an affiliated Member Federation or Club must:

- a) respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
- b) never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- c) respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
- d) not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
- e) not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- f) comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
- g) not, and must not attempt to, bring into a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language;
- h) not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
- i) conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be:

1. shown a yellow card by the Match official
2. spoken to by the Team Official
3. shown a red card by the match official for continuing the bad behaviour
4. evicted from a venue and may also be banned from attending future Matches
5. be reported to the Office of the Children's Guardian if the level of behaviour is directed at a minor

*Please note that the information above serves only as a guide for potential actions that may be taken against spectators for inappropriate behaviour. Depending on the severity of the misconduct, any of the listed actions or other measures may be enforced.*

Additionally, non-compliance of this policy (and those policies in place by the Association, affiliated Clubs, Football NSW and Football Australia's National Spectator Behaviour Code may incur additional penalties or sanctions as deemed appropriate.