



# SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



A spectator present at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FFA or Football NSW or an affiliated District Association 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 recognized 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, Football NSW and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future matches.

## RISK WARNING UNDER SECTION 5M OF THE CIVIL LIABILITY ACT 2002

Football NSW (FNSW) administers and convenes football activities in which many players, spectators, parents, students, referees and others participate.

FNSW expects all participants in FNSW events to take responsibility for their own safety by observing instruction, rules and guidelines, by wearing compulsory safety equipment when applicable and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards other participants, officials, property and grounds.

While FNSW takes measures to make the sporting activities as safe as possible for all participants, there is a risk that those involved may be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these football activities, whether at training or in actual events.

Injury can occur while the participant is engaging in, watching or officiating at a football activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from the participant's actions or the actions of others.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases the injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a participant has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Participants could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

