Memo

To: Football NSW Branches, Associations, Clubs and Referee Branches

Date: Monday, 6 September 2021

From: Head of Legal & Governance

Subject: Football Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics, Member Protection Framework and Reporting Tool

The Football Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics, Member Protection Framework and Confidential Online Reporting Tool form part of Football Australia's proactive approach to creating a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all to participate in our game and to protect and enhance the reputation of Football in Australia.

New FA Code of Conduct and Ethics

Football Australia has published its new Code of Conduct and Ethics which bring in changes to better align it with the FIFA Code of Ethics, which was updated in 2020, and contains improvements and increased clarity which will enhance Football Australia's integrity framework.

The new Code of Conduct and Ethics applies to all forms of Football under Football Australia's jurisdiction.

Please click the following link to access the FA Code of Conduct and Ethics.

All Branches, Associations, Clubs, Referee Branches and participants should familiarise themselves with the new Code of Conduct and Ethics.

New FA Member Protection Framework

Football Australia has also rolled out a new webpage to support its Member Protection Framework and to provide helpful information relating to member protection matters at all levels of Football. The areas covered include Safeguarding, Bullying and Harassment, Anti-Discrimination, XI Standards of Respect, Complaints Procedures and Reporting.

Please click the following link to access the FA Member Protection Framework webpage.

Please click the following link to access the FA National Complaints Procedure.

Online Complaints Handling courses are available from the Play by the Rules website.

New FA Confidential Online Reporting Tool

An important accompaniment to these regulatory documents is Football Australia's new confidential online reporting tool which can be used to confidentially report matters relating to integrity, safeguarding, national member protection issues, as well as disclosable matters under Football Australia's Whistleblower Policy.

Click the following link to access the FA Confidential Online Reporting Tool.

Reports may also be made via a confidential hotline at 1800 571 850.

Football Australia is working on developing further supporting resources, including educational materials, to supplement these regulations and policies, which will be published in due course.

If you have any questions in relation to the above information, please contact a member of the Legal & Governance Team at Football NSW:

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