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FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA RESPONDS TO ALLEGATION OF RACIAL ABUSE DURING NSW NPL MEN'S MATCH

Football Australia has been informed by Football NSW that they have received an allegation of racial abuse during the Round 3 NSW NPL Men's match between Sydney United 58 FC and APIA Leichhardt FC on the weekend of February 18-19, 2023.

Football NSW has taken immediate action and has opened an investigation into the alleged incident. Both clubs have been notified and are fully cooperating with the investigation. Football Australia will provide any necessary support to Football NSW as it investigates the allegations. It will also be monitoring the investigative process and outcome to consider any implications on existing sanctions against the club.

Football Australia and Football NSW have reiterated their commitment to a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of disrespectful, discriminatory or offensive behaviour at sanctioned events. Football Australia and its Member Federations are committed to ensuring that all football participants are able to compete and enjoy the game in a safe and inclusive environment.

Football Australia remains committed to promoting a safe and enjoyable environment for all football participants.

The national governing body takes all allegations of discriminatory behaviour seriously and encourages anyone who has witnessed or experienced such to come forward and report it to the relevant authorities.

Football participations are also invited to raise their concerns or otherwise report inappropriate conduct through Football Australia's Member Protection Framework
<https://www.footballaustralia.com.au/member-protection-framework>.

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