



FOOTBALL  
AUSTRALIA

# SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



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NSW

**Spectators attending a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FA or an affiliate Member Federation, District Association or Club must:**

1. Respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same.
2. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake.
3. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin.
4. Never use violence in any form towards another person including fellow spectators, Players or Match/Team Officials (including Coaches).
5. Not engage in acts of discrimination, harassment or abuse towards any person, including:
  - a. the use of obscene or offensive language and/or gestures;
  - b. the incitement of hatred or violence.
6. Comply with all Terms of Admission including provisions relating to security screening, intoxication, and items that are prohibited by law or restricted by policy from being brought into the Venue.
7. Not display, or attempt to display, within the Venue any offensive or inappropriate banners (whether in English or a foreign language) or any other sign, flag, emblem or insignia which may vilify a person on the basis of their age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin or which may offend or incite hatred or violence, as determined by the relevant Competition Administrator.
8. Never throw missiles, projectiles or objects of any description at Players, Match Officials or fellow spectators.
9. Not obscure the view of fellow spectators.
10. Not enter or attempt to enter the field of play or playing arena without lawful authority.
11. Refrain from any disorderly conduct or conduct that may injure the reputation and goodwill of FA and the code of Football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from the Venue and may be 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.