



1.0 Our Commitment

Our Association is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by players, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- using bad language
- harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance
- drinking at a game or training or being drunk at an Association event.

2.0 What we will do

- Provide members, parents and other officials with our Code of Behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Where possible, bind non-members by prominently displaying our Code of Behaviour at the Clubrooms and by requiring member clubs to abide by the Association rules (e.g. by signing our Code of Behaviour).
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our Clubrooms and providing information on our website, in our newsletters and through other Association communication.
- Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
- Ban bringing alcohol to training, a game or no-alcohol Association events.
- Consult with our local police and seek their support and advice on how to handle issues involving inappropriate behaviour by spectators prior to, at or after a game.
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary (e.g. appoint an official to monitor behaviour, etc as outlined in our Member Protection Policy).



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Spectator Behaviour

- Encourage our players, coaches, officials and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.

3.0 What we ask you to do

- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
- Abide by our Association's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a supervisor or committee member present, ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the Association Secretary, or someone in a position of authority.
- Call the police or an Association official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

4.0 Non-Compliance

Member clubs, players, parents, officials or others found to have behaved inappropriately against our Association's Code of Behaviour and this policy may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.