



Friday, 16 February 2024

Dear Club representatives,

RE: No Respect, No Game

Football NSW reminds everyone involved with our game of their responsibility in creating a safe, inclusive and supportive environment across all football activities.

Whether as a player, official or spectator at a match, you have a responsibility to ensure that the game is played in a fair, competitive manner without the escalation of abuse, intimidation or breaching of the Laws of the Game.

As part of the game's Respect Campaign and in the interests of curbing the verbal and physical abuse of match officials, Clubs are on notice that, in the 2024 season, Football NSW will be sanctioning Clubs for the abuse of match officials by their participants, with a particular focus on abuse committed by players, coaches and club/team officials.

Football NSW has a zero-tolerance stance for this type of behaviour and will continue to impose strict sanctions on those that do not comply.

Together we must protect our game and ensure that all participants can continue to enjoy their football in a safe environment. We ask you to be proactive when on the field and in the stands to exhibit the values of football and ensure those around you respect the game equally.

For further information and resources that extend to all participants of the game, please see the below links.

Resource List:

[Football Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics](#)

[Football Australia Spectator Code of Behaviour](#)

[Football Australia Member Protection Framework](#)

[Football NSW Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations](#)

[Member Protection information and resources](#)

Kind Regards,

Handwritten signature of Troy McColl in black ink.

Troy McColl
Head of Competitions

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Ed Ferguson
Head of Football Development