



FOOTBALL FEDERATION
TASMANIA

Procedure to address inappropriate Sporting Behaviour

Rationale

Everyone that participates in sport has the right to feel safe and to be treated fairly and with respect. It is the responsibility of all sporting clubs and organizations to ensure that participants act within the rules and spirit of the game, officials and coaches are treated with respect and spectators support in a positive environment.

To create a positive environment for everyone that participates in the sport, Football Federation Tasmania (FFT) has developed this policy to address the use of Offensive, Abusive or Insulting Language as outlined in the Football Federation Australia (FFA) Disciplinary Regulations.

These procedures are to be implemented by match officials to address the use of inappropriate sporting behaviour at all matches under the jurisdiction of the FFT.

Procedure to Address Inappropriate Sporting Behaviour:

1. The following actions should not be tolerated at any sanctioned FFT matches:
 - a. Offensive, Abusive or Insulting Language
 - b. Discrimination and harassing behaviour
 - c. Violent conduct of any nature
2. If a match official is experiencing any Offensive, Abusive or Insulting Language from players and/or officials they are to implement the required sanctions as outlined in the Laws of the Games.
3. If a match official is experiencing offensive, abusive or insulting language from any other person where on field sanctions cannot be applied, in the first instance it must be brought to the attention of a club official and/or match manager who is required to address the behaviour with the offending person.
4. If the behaviour continues, the match official will provide the club official and/or match manager with a further opportunity to address the inappropriate behaviour.
5. If the match official has exhausted both of these avenues and no resolution has been achieved and inappropriate behaviour continues, the match official may take further action including the home club arranging for police to attend the ground and remove the offending person(s) from the ground or the abandonment of the match.
6. If the match is abandoned the match official must submit a report into FFT within 48 hours outlining the reasons for terminating the match and also identifying the offending club players, officials and/or spectators.

7. On receipt of the report, FFT will investigate the incident. A report will be required from the clubs participating in the match and all match officials that attended the game.
8. Following the investigation the following action may be taken:
 - a. A club is deemed guilty of inappropriate behaviour and Rule 22.15 (f) of the FFT Competition Rules will be implemented.
 - b. The matter is referred to the Tribunal for adjudication.