

**NO EXCUSE FOR**  
**ABUSE**

# **SPECTATOR CODE** *of behaviour*

It is important that all spectators at a Football Victoria (FV) approved fixture can enjoy the match in a safe and comfortable environment. There's **NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE**. Accordingly, each person present at a FV fixture must:

- a. Respect the decisions and instructions of the Match Officials and Ground Marshals.
- b. 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.
- c. Not shame, humiliate, oppress, belittle, harass, or degrade any Player, Match Official or Spectator.
- d. Not engage in the use of physical or verbal abuse, whether it is by other Spectators, Team Officials (including Coaches) or Players.
- e. Not engage in any form of verbal, physical or online bullying.
- f. Not engage in discrimination, harassment, or abuse in any form whether lawful or otherwise, including but not limited to the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting.
- g. Respect the facilities and equipment of all Clubs and venues.
- h. Report any instances of discrimination or threatening behaviour to a Match Official, Ground Marshal, or by contacting [discipline@footballvictoria.com.au](mailto:discipline@footballvictoria.com.au).
- i. Comply with FV's "Conditions of Entry" at all venues, and any ticket conditions.
- j. Not carry, light, or throw flares or missiles (including on to the Field of Play or at other Spectators).
- k. Not enter the Field of Play or its surrounds without lawful authority.
- l. Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FV, Football Australia (FA) and football generally.
- m. Not 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 offend a person.
- n. Ensure all social media posts related to or affiliated with FV are respectful, accurate, lawful, and uphold the reputation of FV and its Members. This includes but is not limited to all Players and opposition Clubs.
- o. Adopt and maintain a responsible attitude surrounding the consumption of Alcohol and other controlled substances with respect to the venue policies.

Any person who does not comply with this Code or who in the opinion of the Club and/or FV causes, attempts to cause or is reasonably likely to cause a disturbance may be evicted from the Venue and banned from attending future matches held on behalf of FV.

Any offender who then breaches the banning order against them may be charged with trespassing and subject to additional penalties and sanctions, including the possibility of further legal action.

**SCAN TO REPORT  
BEHAVIOUR**

