



Policy Title:	<b>SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR</b>		
Policy Number:	005	Effective Date:	9 Dec 2019
Purpose:	To assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in soccer.		

## INTRODUCTION

Soccer is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. This Spectator Code of Conduct has been developed by Rosebud Heart Junior Soccer Club to give participants some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in soccer. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in the game.

## POLICY

A spectator present at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FFA or an affiliated Member Federation, District Association or Rosebud Heart Junior Soccer Club must:

1. Respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
2. Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
3. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
4. Not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
5. Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
6. Comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
7. Not, and must not attempt to, bring into a venue, national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language;
8. Not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
9. Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA, the Rosebud Heart Junior Soccer Club and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance, may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future Matches. **Breaches to this or any other Code of Conduct/Policy, will be taken very seriously. The club has the right to revoke membership at any time.**