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## PLAYER DISCIPLINE POLICY – 13's to 17's

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### Introduction

This policy seeks to address the issue of dealing with unacceptable behaviour from SPJFC players, coaches, officials, parents and or spectators for breaches of the code of conduct during interclub matches. SPJFC intends to take a proactive approach to dealing with unacceptable behaviour and will apply this policy regardless of whether the umpire reports the incident or not.

### Scope

The policy requires all committee members, coaches and managers to report any breaches of the code of conduct by coaches, manager's spectators or players to the committee within 24 hours of the breach of the code of conduct occurring.

### Objectives of this policy

- Early identification of behavioral problems within the SPJFC.
- Empower club officials to proactively monitor and maintain compliance to the code of conduct.
- Consistent penalties applied when dealing with breaches of the code of conduct.

### Reporting of Breaches of the code of conduct

In the event a club official observes a breach of the code of conduct, in the first instance the official should discreetly remind the offender (in the case of a player the official should approach the coach or manager first) of the existence of the code of conduct and the required compliance. If of a serious nature the official should make a short note regarding the incident in the Discipline Log book located in the office of the club rooms and advise the club President or Vice President verbally of the breach.

### Review of Breaches of the code of Conduct

Any breach that could attract a suspension will be dealt with by a discipline committee within four days of the breach occurring. The committee will review the code of conduct log book at the monthly committee meetings and look for any repeat breaches or signs of linked breaches. If in the opinion of the committee the breaches are of a significant nature or are repeat breaches by the same person the committee may suspend the player or ban the person from attending future games as it sees fit. The committee when applying these penalties should be consistent in their application, be discrete and act with the best interests of the SPJFC in mind. In the event of people being injured as a result of any breach the club officials should co operate fully with any JCC or police investigations.



## Suggested Penalties

Offence	Penalty
SPJFC payer receives more than 2 send-offs within a six game period.	Player counselled. Matter discussed with coach and parent.
Abuse (by gesture or verbally) towards the opposition after the game.	Player: Minimum 1 weeks + suspended sentence. Official: Minimum 2 weeks + suspended sentence.
Abuse of umpires, other players or spectators.	Player: Minimum 1 weeks + suspended sentence. Official: Minimum 2 weeks + suspended sentence.
Striking/kicking another player.	Minimum 2 weeks + suspended sentence

### Extraordinary Circumstances.

If both the Coach and the Manager of the player concerned wish for the prescribed penalties detailed above to **not** be apply they should present their case in writing to the President or his delegate before the next scheduled training night. The President's or his delegates' decision will be final.