

COMPETITION MEMORANDUM



**FOOTBALL
NSW**

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From: Competitions Department.

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Subject: **Foul, Abusive and Offensive Language and entry to Referees Rooms.**

In 2008 a letter was forwarded from the General Manager, Mr Ian Holmes relative to the complaints received from the public about the use of foul, abusive or offensive language by players and at times officials on the bench. This language was considered unacceptable at Premier League level and is also not acceptable at any level of football within FNSW.

It was pointed out that corporate sponsors and families are not accepting of such behaviour .

Therefore as a result of recent incidents, within various levels of FNSW, it has been directed that match officials are not to tolerate this form of behaviour. Therefore match officials have been instructed to dismiss from the field of play any player and/or club official who uses any form of unacceptable language which is audible to the spectators or match officials.

Clubs are to make known to players, coaching and management personnel that the use of foul, insulting, abusive or offensive language will no longer be tolerated.

Club coaching and managerial personnel who are dismissed from the playing field will be dealt with by the General Purpose Tribunal. In terms of players dismissed, they will be dealt with by FNSW Disciplinary Committee.

ENTRY TO REFEREES ROOMS AT MATCHES:

As a result of a number of incidents over the past few years, it has been determined that in future no player, coach/manager or team officials from clubs, are permitted to enter the referees room at the start or completion of matches.

Match Commissioners and ground officials will ensure that no persons are permitted to enter the referee's room who is not a referee engaged in the match or fourth referee.

Any player, coach or team official who breaches this requirement will be cited to appear before the General Purpose Tribunal

These requirements are to be made known to all players, coaches/managers and team officials within your Club.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Grant".

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