



## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

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The North Eastern Metro Junior Football Association view very seriously abuse of Officials in sport and has adopted the following policy to comply with direction from the SANFL to cover the 'abuse of officials' in sport.

**This agreement covers Coach, Spectators and Players respect for Umpires and Officials.**

### **No one Coach, Player, Spectator or Official is above this:**

As Officials, Coaches, Spectators and Players we are participants in a team sport, and the reference to **sport** should always be remembered:  
Football is a partnership comprising Coaches/Players, Spectators, Umpires and Officials.  
We should at all time be privileged to be part of that partnership and we have certain expectations that we will all display:

- ◆ **No** Coach, Player, Spectator or Official will abuse or back chat an Umpire or Official of the Officiating Clubs
- ◆ **No** Coach, Player, Spectator or Official will take part in an exchange of heated words or debate with an Umpie or Official during or after the course of a game.
- ◆ **No** coach, player, spectator or Official will be confrontational towards any Umpire or Official
- ◆ **Every** Coach, Player, Spectator and Official will show a strong level of personal restraint and control
- ◆ Any Club President, Coach or Captain observing a member of his "TEAM" in this type of situation is to act immediately to remove the offender from the situation.
- ◆ **Offenders** will be penalised under the Rules of Zero Tolerance, which could be 50 metre penalties, reports, suspensions or monetary fines.
- ◆ Any person who is deemed a **repeat offender** will be required to undertake a course of personal self-management training before being allowed to participate in any official capacity as an Official, Coach, Player or Spectator.

**ALL COACHES, PLAYERS, SPECTATORS AND OFFICIALS WILL ADHERE TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS EVEN IF IT MEANS CHANGING HIS OR HER PERSONAL STYLE.**

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