



COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS



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General Provisions

The Competition

The GCI is run under the Gold Coast Futsal Association which is a Member of Football Queensland who in turn is governed by the FFA. The FFA is Affiliated Association under FIFA. The Competition will be conducted to observe FIFA, FFA and FQ Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Guidelines, Circulars as well as the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and Rules of Competition. The decisions of FQF are final.

Host Club Information

The Gold Coast International is run under the auspices of Football Queensland Futsal by:

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Definitions

GCFA	Gold Coast Futsal Association
GCI	Gold Coast International
FQF	Football Queensland Futsal
FQ	Football Queensland
FFA	Football Federation Australia
FIFA	Federation International Football Association
Participants	Includes the Teams, Players, Match Officials, Team Officials and any person conducting a duty on their behalf
Field of Play	The Pitch, the technical areas and the area immediately surrounding the Pitch (if the pitch has walls or netting then the area between the pitch and these boundaries are included) are included under the definition of Field of Play.
Playing Area	Includes the Field of Play, the technical area and the area surrounding the field of play as well as the facilities used by players, match officials and Team officials such as the dressing rooms. If the playing area is not clearly defined it is up to the Match Referee and the Centre Official to set the guidelines for the venue

Participant Responsibilities

The Participants (and the Clubs from which they represent) shall be responsible throughout the Competition for and agree to the following:

- Comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- To respect the principals of Fair Play and Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics
- To field the strongest team and to perform at the best of their ability throughout the GCI
- To participate throughout the entire GCI
- Conduct of the team, players, match officials, team officials, and spectators and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the competition from the arrival at the venue until their departure.
- Paying for incidental expenses incurred by the participants which may include uniforms, equipment, food and drink, travel, accommodation etc
- **Must supply Bibs for substitutes to wear**
- Players sitting on substitutes bench **must be wearing bibs at all times**
- Team officials **must wear competition identification lanyards at all times**
- Attending any meetings, disciplinary hearings, appeals or other of which presence is required such as media activities.
- Ensure that all paperwork is completed and returned during the required time frames.
- By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, Statutes, Regulations, Disciplinary Codes, Doping Control Regulations, Code of Ethics, Licensed Marketing Agreement, and the Operations Manual of FQF, FFA and FIFA as well as the Rules of Competition for the GCI
- By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply fully with decisions and directives given by the Match Officials, Competition Administrators and FQF
- To observe all safety instructions as provided by FQF, GCFA and its participants
- Not to represent the GCFA, GCI or FQF without prior written approval by the authorised person
- Grant FQF and the GCFA the right to use and authorise others use photographic, audio- visual and visual material of participants, including names, statistics, club name, logo, emblems and sponsors, free of charge for its use. The use may include use on the website, media usage, advertising, promotional materials

Insurance

- GCFA has insurance coverage through Football Queensland
- The insurance company is Gow Gates PTY LTD. The insurance cover can be seen at www.gowgatessport.com.au/football/
- The GCI will have Public Liability cover for \$10,000,000.000 also through Gow Gates PTY LTD.
- If a player is seriously injured, they must fill out an incident report form on the day of the accident occurring.
- The Centre Official will have the form, or it can be downloaded at www.footballqueensland.com.au
- **All players MUST be registered via their local FFA affiliated Futsal Club**
- Any player NOT Registered as a current FFA Futsal player for the current active Futsal season will be the responsibility of their club and the player / parent / Club in which they play will indemnify Qld Futsal League and any all of its volunteers / employees / Referees / competing players & coaches against any claim / liability whatsoever in any regard.

Competition Entry

Entries for the Competition

The GCI is an Annual Competition for regional teams from Qld and invited interstate and international teams. Minimum & Maximum number of competing Teams within each Age Division and Category will be at the sole discretion of the competition administrators.

Clubs

To be eligible in QLD to participate in the GCI, a Region must fulfill the following criteria:

- Be a Region / Club approved by the competition Managers of the Gold Coast International with a current Registration under FQF/FFA and or FIFA
- Be running an active FFA Regular Competition before and during the GCI
- Be financial with FQF/FFA/FIFA
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF/FFA or a higher level authority
- Competition entry by Interstate or International teams / clubs - are by specific invitation issued by the Managing Director of GCFA or FQ

Teams

To be eligible to participate in the GCI, a Team must fulfill the following criteria:

- It must fill in the official entry documents, which must reach the GCFA Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with FQF/FFA and the GCFA
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority
- Teams must nominate a minimum of six (6) players and a maximum of up to fourteen (14) players for Open Teams & maximum of 10 players for Junior teams .
- Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.
- Match Sheets must be completed no later than fifteen (15) minutes before kick-off by each Team for each match.

Players / Match Officials

To be eligible to participate in the GCI, a Player must fulfill the following criteria:

- Players must meet the requirements of the Gold Coast Futsal Association Player Age Policy.
- Be a maximum of 1 (one) year of age less than the that the nominated team playing for (a minimum age of 16 years of age for Open Age Group) for players.
- Be the right age to meet the requirements of the Age Group in which the team is competing. (Age is determined by the age of the player at the 31st December the year prior to the event).
- Complete the official entry documents, which must reach the GCI Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with their Football Member Federations and the GCFA

- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority
- Be selected by the persons / panel created for player identification for the Representative Team from the club /zone
- Players must ensure that their name is included on the List of Players submitted by the Team for the GCI
- A player is only eligible to play for one Region in the GCI unless authorized by the Competition managers prior to the event.
- By Registering, players agree notably to respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly
- A player, if registered to that region / club and has been nominated as a player under the terms and conditions of these rules, may play up into another team of the **same** region /club /Academy.

Team Officials

There may be up to Two (2) Team Officials for the Team for every match e.g. Coach and Manager or Medical Person & will only be eligible to be on the teams bench if pre nominated with this said capacity AND is wearing the Official ID required by Gold Coast International

Team Officials are selected by the persons / panel created for Team Official identification of the Representative Team.

The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner.

Team Officials are responsible for but not limited to the following

- Complete all paperwork regarding registration into the GCI
- Act as the centralised point of communication between the Host Club and the Team
- Notifying the team of the playing times and venues
- Inform the team of any changes to the GCI
- Ensure that fair play is upheld
- Ensure that the safety of the team is maintained
- Assist the team to play at their highest level of ability
- Assist the team to improve on their skills
- Ensure Match Sheets are completed, true and accurate
- Handle all issues, disputes, complaints, protests on behalf of the team & their spectators
- Must at all times wear the Team Official Lanyard for I.D purposes.
- Be responsible for the actions of their spectators & agree to take any action as directed by the competition Managers

Only Players and Team Officials for the current match are permitted to be in the Technical Area. No person under the age of 6 Years Old are permitted within the Technical Area.

Occupants of the Technical Area must be either a registered Player or a registered Team Official (who is showing the appropriate accreditation at all times)

A Player or Team Official who is under Suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.

All Players must be in Uniform and able to take part in the current match UNLESS

authorized & approved by the competition managers.



Venue Information

Venue Details

GOLD COAST SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE &
CARRARA INDOOR STADIUM
NERANG-BROADBEACH RD, CARRARA QLD

Venue Conditions

- No smoking inside the venue. Smoking areas must be in accordance with Government Regulations.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted outside of licensed areas.
- No animals are permitted inside the venue.
- Persons causing any damage to the venue and or its fittings and fixtures will be held responsible for all costs and the matter will be referred to the Police
- All facilities, i.e. Change rooms etc shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
- No spectators are permitted in the playing area.
- No persons under the age of 6 Years of Age are permitted in the playing area unless approved by the competition management
- Only participants actively competing in the Match should be near the field of play. Those which are about to take part of have just finished a Match are permitted to be within the Playing Areas but outside of the Field of Play and should enter / leave the Playing Areas within a reasonable time-frame.

Alternate Venues

- If the venue is deemed to be unsuitable for matches to go ahead, either for to safety reasons or other, then an alternate venue may be sought or the Match may be played at one of the three designated venues at a later date.
- The Match Official may choose to postpone a match if the Field of Play is deemed to have safety concerns.

Competition Structure

Age Divisions

Please note that players who wish to play outside of their Age Category must conform to the Player Age Policy.

Draw

A draw will be made available Four (4) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament. This will be made available on the following website **www.gcfutsalcup.com** Any changes will be posted on the web site and an email or SMS will be sent to the team managers. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager and players of the team participating in the competition to ensure that they have the correct details for their matches.

Final Series

Age Groups with 1 Pool

The top four (4) teams from the pool at the conclusion of the rounds will progress to the Final Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – 1st place versus 4th place

Minor Seminal Final – 2nd place versus 3rd place

Grand Final – Winner or Major and Minor Semi Final

Age Groups with 2 Pools

The top four (4) teams from each pool at the conclusion of the rounds will progress to the Quarter Finals, then the winners will proceed into the Final Series.

Quarter Finals

1. A1 v B4
2. A2 v B3
3. A3 v B2
4. A4 v B1

The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – Winner Q1 versus Winner Q3

Minor Semi Final – Winner Q2 versus Winner Q4

Grand Final – Winner or Major and Minor Semi Final

Age Groups with 3 and Pools

The top two (2) teams from each pool and the 2 best 3rd place teams across all pools, where the team with the best performed at the conclusion of the rounds will progress to the Quarter Finals.

Quarter Finals

- G1. A1 v C2
- G2. B1 v 3rd 1
- G3. A2 v 3rd 2
- G4. B2 v C1

The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – Winner G1 versus Winner G4
Minor Seminal Final – Winner G2 versus Winner G3

Grand Final – Winner or Major and Minor Semi Final

3rd place determined by win percentage

Age Groups with 4 Pools

The top two (2) teams from each pool, at the conclusion of the rounds will progress to the Quarter Finals.

Quarter Finals

- G1. A1 v B2
- G2. A2 v B1
- G3. C1 v D2
- G4. C2 v D1

The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – Winner G1 versus Winner G4
Minor Seminal Final – Winner G2 versus Winner G3

Grand Final – Winner or Major and Minor Semi Final

Player Eligibility for Finals

- Senior
 - Player must play a minimum of 50% to qualify to be eligible to play in finals series
- Junior Players must play a minimum of 50% to qualify to be eligible to play in finals series

Procedure to Determine Placings

The matches in the Tournament will be played with each team within an Age Division playing the other teams within the same Age Division an equal number of times. The following points will be awarded for matches during the Regular Season:

Win	=	3 Points
Draw	=	1 Point
Loss	=	0 Points

If two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated, the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked:

1. Highest goal difference
2. Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned
3. Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
4. Highest number of goals scored over the Regular Season
5. Lowest number of Red Cards accumulated
6. Toss of a coin

The Team who wins the Grand Final will be crowned the Gold Coast International Champions in their Age Division.

The Team who loses in the Grand Final will be crowned the Runners-Up in their Age Division.

The Region/Club who results in the most accumulated points overall from all the round matches (excluding the Finals series) will be crowned the Grand Champions Of The Gold Coast International.

NB: Teams with multiple teams in a age group. The team that best performed, will contribute to the clubs final club championship total.

Disciplinary Matters

Disciplinary Incidents are dealt with by Gold Coast Futsal Association in Compliance with the FFA and FQF Disciplinary Policy, as well as any relevant circulars, directives or decisions by FQF or a higher level authority.

The decision by Gold Coast Futsal Association on any Disciplinary Matter is final. Match Officials do not impose sentencing on participants. Match Officials may be required to attend Disciplinary Hearings involving Send-off or Incident Reports.

No protests will be accepted in relation to Yellow Cards

A Protest against a send off decision / Red Card must be in writing by the club / Team Official & NO protests lodged by parents or spectators regarding these matters will be recognized or acted upon .

Any Official Protest against a Referees Decision / sanction will incur a **NON refundable \$50.00 application fee** which is payable immediately upon lodgment of the protest

Disputes / Protests

If there is a protest from the Match regarding the Score, the playing of an Ineligible player, or an issue to do with time, or equipment including uniform or pitch markings / nets, then the protest must be lodged within an hour after the conclusion of the match. Any protest regarding any other facet of the match must be lodged within twenty four (24) hours after the match in question.

If a protest is unfounded or is deemed by Gold Coast Futsal Association to be irresponsible and against the nature of the game / fair play / sportsmanship , Gold Coast Futsal Association may impose a fine.

All disputes outside of the Rules of Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.

First Aid

Whilst the Gold Coast Futsal Association will ensure that a First Aid Officer is present. It is the responsibility of each team to be equipped and prepared with First Aid Personal.

Medications will not be issued by the Gold Coast Futsal Association OR any of its staff or nominated authorities

Players who require medications (e.g. Asthma Medication) should ensure that they have it prior to participating in the GCI and only administer the medication on and by themselves as prescribed by their physician.

Please note that medications including Asthma Puffers and Pain Killers (e.g. Panadol) cannot be provided to players by the First Aid Officer supplied by the host club.

NO STRAPPING WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FIRST AID OFFICER WHATSOEVER.

Matters not provided for

The Gold Coast Futsal Association in conjunction with FQF, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise during the GCI. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Rules of Competitions

Matters not provided for in these Rules and cases of force majeure shall be decided by Gold Coast Futsal Association. These decisions shall be final.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Gold Coast Futsal Association from taking a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Rules of Competition contained herein.

The Duration of the Match

The match shall last two (2) equal periods of Twenty (20) minutes.

Time-outs will be permitted in the accordance of the FIFA Laws of the game. The clock will not be stopped when the ball is out of play for ages 16 and below. The clock will be stopped for teams Youth and Opens
The last two minutes of each half, the clock will stop counting down and the half will end on the referee's whistle. The length of time may be extended by a maximum of two minutes by the Referee in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the game.

The match may also be prolonged by the Referee to ensure that the Integrity and Fair Play of the match is upheld.

There will be no stoppage time. In the case of a serious injury which requires an ambulance, or other extenuating circumstance (such as no replacement match ball) the game at the sole discretion of the Qld Futsal League may either be replayed OR deemed to be completed if more than 30 minutes of games play has elapsed and any score at the time of the stoppage of play will stand as the final match result for that game

The decision regarding the Duration of the Match by the Match Officials or Host Club is final. The half-time interval shall be Three (3) minutes for Junior Games and Senior Games

There is no extra time for matches played during the round robin stage and group stage of competition.

During the Finals Series if the scores are level at the completion of a match, extra time will be awarded in the form of two (2) equal periods of Five (5) minutes. After the extra time period, if the scores are still level a penalty shootout in the accordance of the FIFA Laws of the Game will determine the winner of the match.

Trophies and Medals

The GCI Winners Trophy

A representative from either the Host Club or FQF will present the Winner of the GCI with the Gold Coast International Trophy.

This Trophy shall remain the property of the Host Club

The Host Club is responsible for engraving the Trophy with the name of the winning region.

The Clubs which represented the players who won the Trophy are entitled to time with the Trophy to display it at their respective Clubs throughout the year, however, they shall take all reasonable steps at their own expense to ensure the security and safety of the Trophy whilst they are in the possession of the Trophy.

Any damage or loss to the trophy during the possession period (including during travel) will be at the possession clubs expense . This will include but no be limited to any repairs / replacement & any and all courier or transport expenses associated with its repair / replacement .

Any movement of the Trophy should be notified in writing to the Host Club.

Grand Final Medals

A medal will be presented to all Players and 2 x Team Officials of Winners and Runners Up of each Age Division.

Golden Boot

The Golden Boot will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the CFCC Joint Winners will be awarded if two (2) Players finish on equal goals.

FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

The Players' Equipment

Uniform and their proposed colours must be sent to the Host Club at the time of Registration for Approval. The Host Club will ensure that there are no clashes of colours between the teams. If there is a clash of colours, the 'away team' shall change to an alternative strip. The 'home team' is the first team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list.

The 'Uniform' consists of the following items:

1. A Jersey or Shirt
 - a. Must have sleeves
 - b. Must be uniquely numbered and must contrast with the colour of the shirt
 - c. The Jersey or Shirt must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
 - d. The Goal Keeper shall wear colours that easily distinguish him from the other players and the referee (this includes outfield players replacing the goalkeeper. Replacement Keepers must have their starting number on the back of the Goal Keepers Jersey)
2. Shorts
 - a. The Shorts must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
 - b. The Goal Keeper is permitted to wear long trousers
3. Socks
 - a. Please note that if undergarments are worn (e.g. "Skins", bike pants or long sleeved tops), they must be the colour of the main colour of the sleeve of the Jersey or Shirt or as the same main colour of the shorts
4. Other compulsory Players Equipment includes:
 - a. Shin guards
 - i. Shin guards shall be entirely covered by the socks
 - ii. Made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic or similar substance)
 - iii. Shall provide a reasonable degree of protection
 - b. Footwear
 - i. Canvas or soft leather training or gymnastic shoes
 - ii. Soles of rubber or a similar material (no studs)
5. A Player shall not use equipment or wear anything (including any kind of jewellery / earrings or piercings) that could be dangerous to himself or another player (including wedding bands). Jewellery cannot be taped. GLASSES must be strapped to the players head by way of sports band and be of an approved sports eyewear material eg NOT glass.
6. Players who are not compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in

terms of Players Equipment (including Jewellery, uniform and undergarments) will not be able to participate in the match until they are compliant.

7. Any Player who has been asked to leave the pitch to correct their Players Equipment by a Match Official must report to the Match Official and show that they are now compliant before they are permitted to re-enter the match.
8. A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment
9. The Host Club shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered.



Fouls and Misconduct

General

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game are the governing Laws for this Competition

The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.

All Disciplinary Sanctions will be in accordance with the FQF Disciplinary Policy.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Teams

If teams are not ready to play at the scheduled kick off time (minimum of three (3) players who are ready with correct Players Equipment), the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 6-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund of fees for a forfeit. Teams may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee & fines at the discretion of the Gold Coast Futsal Association may apply

A forfeit may also be enforced upon a team who has not completed the match sheet correctly no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the kick off time. This is at the discretion of Gold Coast Futsal Association. The Host Clubs decision is final

Should any player / team official or spectator be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether during a match, inside the venue or on the venue grounds including the carpark the team / person / club may face deregistration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the GCI and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, as well as additional sanctions imposed by Football Queensland Futsal / Football Federation Of Australia which may include a life ban.

Teams that field unregistered or suspended players or Players who were not on the List of Players submitted by the team upon registration will forfeit the matches the players participated in. The result will be recorded as a 6-0 win to the opposing team. The team MAY also be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to state why they should not be removed from the competition. There will be no refund of fees for forfeits.

Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 6-0 loss.

Upon the Third (3rd) forfeit the team will be removed from the competition and the team and its players may be banned from competitions run by the Host Club for 24 months.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Players

Disciplinary Sanctions from other FQF Competitions may affect a player's eligibility to compete in GCI match. All suspensions from other FQF Competitions which affect Players in the GCI will be enforced. The FQF Decision regarding suspensions is final.

Yellow and Red Cards may be shown to Players or Team Officials at any time before, during and after the game, on or off the court.

Yellow and Red Cards may be issued to players and substitutes before or after the match, when the player or substitute is off the pitch or after the match. Where they player cannot be directly informed (e.g if removed from the Field of Play due to Injury), The referee may verbally inform the Players and Team Officials of the disciplinary sanction taken.

Yellow and Red Cards will be recorded by the Assistant Referees and the Host Club

Yellow Cards

Any player who accumulates three (3) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match.

Should a player accumulate a further three (3) yellow cards in the competition, the player will incur an automatic suspension of two (2) matches.

If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in one (1) match, these two yellow cards are not added to the cumulative yellow card total, and the Player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension for being shown a red card.

If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently. Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.

A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by the Referee.
A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment through dissent by action

Yellow Cards total reset to nil after the Quarter Final Stage of the Tournament.
Yellow Cards total reset to nil after the Semi Finals with age groups without Quarters.

Red Cards

A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play

A player receiving a red card can be replaced by a substitute in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

A player receiving a red card as a result of two (2) cautions in one match will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.

A player receiving a straight red card for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.

All sanctions are in accordance with the FQF Disciplinary Policy.

Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series. If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently

The Host Club reserves the right to ask a player sent from the field of play for any reason to face a Disciplinary Committee.

A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the Appeals Committee c/-the Gold Coast Futsal Association with a fee of fifty (\$50) dollars.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Team Officials / Spectators

Team Officials and Spectators are to act in a responsible manner

Team Officials and Spectators are subject to the FFA Code of Behavior and Code of Ethics.

If they are deemed to be in breach of these codes, they may be asked to leave the Field of Play (for Team Officials) and / or the Venue (for both Team Officials and Spectators) by either the Match Official or the Host Club.

If a Team Official has been asked to leave the Field of Play then an automatic one (1) match suspension will occur for the first incident. If it is the second incident, then a two (2) match suspension will occur. Any further incidents or cases in which the Match Official deems that the Team Official requires further sanctions (such as threatening of participants including the Match Officials) will be subject to appear before a Disciplinary Committee.

Sanctions may include no further participation in the GCI, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Queensland and in some cases, Police involvement.

If a Team Official or Spectator has been asked to leave the Venue, then they may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee before being allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the GCI. Sanctions may include no further participation in the GCI, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Queensland and in some cases, Police involvement.

Matches will not continue until the Team Official or Spectator has left the Field of Play and / or Venue

SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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 Club must:

1. (a) respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
2. (b) never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
3. (c) respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
4. (d) not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
5. (e) 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. (f) 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. (g) 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. (h) 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. (i) conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA 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.