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TO: All Clubs
FROM: Damien Bresic – General Manager Football Gold Coast
DATE: 9th May 2019
SUBJECT: Enough is Enough 2019

Please find below updated information in regards to the Enough is Enough campaign that was implemented in 2018 and will continue for the 2019 season: -

1. Any player sent from the field for an R6 offence for abusive actions/language directed towards the match officials will incur the following sanctions: -
 - i. **First offence** – one additional match sanction on top of the mandatory sanction plus a \$50 fine
 - ii. **Second offence** – two additional match sanction on top of the mandatory sanction plus a \$150 fine
 - iii. **Third offence** – four additional match sanction on top of the mandatory sanction plus a \$300 fine and the team will be deducted 4 competition points.
2. Should any official (coach/manager/physio/etc.) from the bench/technical area subject the match officials or the opposition to abuse then they will be issued with a warning (yellow card) and if that continues they will be sent from the technical area and the field surrounds.
 - a. Any coach sent from the bench for abusive actions/language will incur the following sanctions.
 - i. **First offence** – one match sanction and \$100 fine
 - ii. **Second offence** – three match sanction and \$250 fine
 - iii. **Third offence** – six match sanction, \$500 fine and the team will be deducted 4 competition points
3. Any person sent from the field **MUST** be removed from the field and it's surrounds **BEFORE** the game will restart and **MUST** be taken to the change room.
4. During recorded interviews, the coach and or player **MUST NOT** mention the Match Officials in any form or context of the game. If they do so, the interview will continue however it will not go to air and the offending coach/player will be fined a minimum of \$250 for the first offence plus a one match suspension which will double for every subsequent offence. This bring FGC in line with professional football competitions.
5. The requirement for a bench official has been abolished/removed.
6. Clubs are required to provide the following Ground Officials who must be visible in high vis, introduce themselves to the Match Officials and roam around the ground: -

All competitions (senior & junior) - Home Club to provide ONE Official
 - Away Club to provide ONE Official

MiniRoos - Home Club to provide a minimum of ONE Official for every two fields being played utilised.

7. GROUND OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS – (GO)

a. SENIORS (Men and Women)

- i. Clubs will be required to provide the number of GO as outlined in section 6.
- ii. The GO will wear a hi-vis vest and introduce themselves to the match day officials a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- iii. The GO will be required to ‘roam’ around the venue and be ready to stamp out any unruly or abusive behaviour.
- iv. The GO may also be called by the referee to deal with any incident that may require their attention.
- v. Should a club not provide GO’s in the designated time: -
 1. the referee will allow 15 minutes of grace to rectify the matter.
 2. if after the grace period no GO have presented, the referee will abandon the game and the non-offending team will be declared the winner and the offending team fined as per the CMC Rules.

b. JUNIORS (Competition and MiniRoos)

- i. Clubs will be required to provide the number of GO as outlined in section 6.
- ii. The GO will wear a hi-vis vest and where FGC Match officials are provided will introduce themselves to the officials a minimum of 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- iii. If the match officials are provided by the club then they shall ensure that they have a safe and pleasant environment to officiate the game in.
- iv. In all instances the GO will be required to ‘roam’ around the venue and be ready to stamp out any unruly or abusive behaviour.
- v. The GO may also be called by the referee to deal with any incident that may require their attention.
- vi. Should a club not provide the appropriate number of GO’s in the designated time, the referee will allow 10 minutes of grace to rectify the matter, if after the grace period no GO have presented the referee will abandon the game and the non-offending team will be declared the winner and the offending team fined as per the CMC Rules.

c. SUPPORTERS/SPECTATORS

- i. If a supporter/group of supporters (spectators) are behaving in a manner unbecoming of our code then it will be the responsibility of the GO to speak to the offenders in a calm manner and ask them respectfully to ‘kerb’ their behaviour/language – *this could be directed by the match official or a member of the public.*
- ii. Should the requests of the GO be ignored and the poor behaviour continue then the referee will be notified who will stop the game until the offenders are removed.
- iii. Should the offenders again ignore the requests and not be removed then the referee will be instructed to abandon the game and the non-offending team awarded the game as per the CMC Rules and the offending club fined.

For further information on the role and responsibilities of Ground Officials please refer to the CMC Rules or contact the FGC office.