

RESPECT Program 2016

Information for Clubs

Fundamental Aim:

1. To encourage the concept of Honouring the game by showing Respect to:
 - a. The match officials, without whom the game would be much less enjoyable
 - b. The opposition, without whom there would be no game
 - c. The rules, which keep the game fair and safe
 - d. Yourself, set yourself standards and stick to them no matter what the opposition (or your own team, coach, managers, spectators) do.
2. Acknowledge this will be a long process-not everything will be achieved in 1 year.

Overall Aims for 2016

1. Get clubs to agree that program worthwhile (?initially opt in?)
2. If so, clubs to nominate a RESPECT officer/contact
3. Training session to be held at Christie Park for officers
 - a. Aims of program
 - b. Initial steps
 - c. Provision of educational material
4. Clubs to include RESPECT program in their information to Coaches and Managers
 - a. Members of the GHFA RESPECT subcommittee can attend individual club coach and manager nights within time constraints
5. Referees to be made aware of program and their importance to the process

Specific initiatives (in no particular order):

1. Develop online training module for RESPECT aimed at all levels including spectators
 - a. Simple/Include existing material from public domain
2. Create RESPECT program webpage
3. Club education and information
 - a. Examples of existing individual club initiatives to develop Respect e.g.

- a.i. WRR: Referee Appreciation Month
 - a.ii. BEE: \$100 rebate to juniors who become coaches
 - a.iii. Coaches advised that yellows be linked to automatic time out on bench
 - b. Make clubs aware of their own powers to deal with unruly players/parents
 - b.i. Bans
 - b.ii. Expulsion from club
 - b.iii. Fines
 - c. Empower teams and team parents to intervene when someone from their club behaves inappropriately
4. Silent Saturday (Sunday)
- a. Nominate a day in the season when supporters will be ask to
 - a.i. limit their offside support to generic cheers and clapping
 - a.ii. cheer good play by opposition
 - a.iii. specifically refrain from giving players advice on play
 - a.iv. be extra aware of ensuring there are no negative comments
 - a.v. Give strong support to match officials
 - b. coaches to limit comments to specifics of game plans i.e. no negative comments to players or match officials
5. Fair Play award
- a.i. Further develop
 - a.ii. Let clubs have access to their ranking in the 2015 season (their own ranking only)
6. GPT and DC
- a. Circulate simplified information on how these work to clubs and players
 - b. Circulate awareness that Respect issues will be dealt with not only at an individual level but that teams and clubs will bear some responsibility – for repeat offenders
 - c. Match points may be deducted for severe infractions
 - d. Send out a summary of 2015 of determinations that are educational
 - e. Send out a monthly summary in 2016 of determinations that are educational