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FOOTBALL FEDERATION SA INC

To: Junior Delegates
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Re: Procedure to Address Bad Sporting Behaviour

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Everyone that participates in sport has the right to feel safe and to be treated fairly and with respect. It is the responsibility of all sporting clubs and organizations to ensure that participants act within the rules and spirit of the game, officials and coaches are treated with respect and spectators support in a positive environment.

To assist in creating a positive environment for everyone to be involved in games conducted by Football Federation SA (FFSA) the use of foul and abusive language and verbal ridicule will not be tolerated by match officials. As a consequence the following procedures have been developed to address the use of bad sporting behaviour at all games under the jurisdiction of the FFSA.

This policy is to be used in conjunction with the Competition Rules and Regulations relevant to each competition. This policy will be applied in accordance to the rule relating to Disturbances at games as outlined in the Competition Rules and Regulations.

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1. The following actions should not be tolerated at any sanctioned FFSA Games:
 - a. Foul and Abusive Language
 - b. Verbal Ridicule
 - c. Discrimination and harassing behaviour
 - d. Violent conduct of any nature
2. In the first instance if a match official is experiencing any foul and abusive language or verbal ridicule, they may approach a club official and/or ground steward to address the issue.
3. If the behaviour continues, the match official shall again approach a club official and/or ground steward and request the matter to be resolved prior to recommencing the game. If the match official continues to experience foul and abusive language

or verbal ridicule the game will be terminated. On terminating the game, the match official is to submit a report into the FFSA within 48 hours outlining the reasons for terminating the game and also identifying the offending club players, officials and/or spectators.

4. On receipt of the report, FFSA will investigate the incident. If it is found that the game has been abandoned due to the use of foul and abusive language and/or verbal ridicule, the offending club will forfeit the game 3 goals to nil and will also be fined the forfeit fine as outlined in the relevant competition rules and regulations.