

DISSENT DETERMENT POLICY OCTOBER 2018

RATIONALE:

Unfortunately, some players are still being very negative on the field, as a spectator or at training sometimes putting down their team mates/coaches/ committee or opposition and consistently arguing or criticising match officials. This policy is designed to set sanctions for players who consistently demonstrate such inappropriate behaviours. Consistent negativity, criticism of club members and continual blaming of others will no longer be tolerated.

DETERMINATION:

These sanctions following will be implemented if any match official complains about a player/s. If any coach/teammate makes a similar complaint. Any club official makes a similar complaint. Every time a player is reported for verbal dissent they will go through the following stages of the sanctions listed below.

SANCTIONS:

- 1 One verbal warning only from any committee member/coach and the person told that they are now at stage two.
- 2 Second stage player starts their next match from the bench. If we are short of numbers this starting off the bench will occur at the next opportunity.
- 3 Third stage player to miss one match.
- 4 Fourth stage Meeting with committee who will determine future action.

NB: These stages are only to be implemented during, before or after matches/training/official club functions not unofficial players social functions. As an accurate rule of thumb sanctions can be issued during a match day/night/official club function or training. For any sanction to be implemented it must be verified by at least two team mates or coach/team mate. Any committee member can issue any individual stage they witness.

If you demonstrate inappropriate behaviour from the bench you may be sent to the sheds and take no further part in the game! If it happens out on the field you may be benched immediately there is a stoppage in play!

One would hope with any inappropriate behaviour (minor negative comments) that any players, coach or committee member might remind any offending player "do you want to go to the next phase?" before implementing it. If the inappropriate behaviour is too severe the person/s responsible may go straight to stage three or if necessary stage four.

COACHES/PRESIDENT:

The coach is the only person who can officially question match officials and this must be done respectfully and within policy. The coach and president are the only ones who can officially criticise club members and this must be done respectfully and within club policy at all times. **Revised M Hogan April 2019**

