

CFWA SPECTATOR MANAGEMENT POLICY

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For all leagues and clubs throughout the CFWA, spectator management is a difficult task and can often become hard to manage. For this reason, the CFWA has introduced spectator management guidelines to give all leagues and clubs official channels to manage spectators and create a positive and inclusive game day environment.

As the lease holder of a venue you have the right to refuse entry to patrons if you have sufficient evidence and have followed the correct procedure. Leagues, clubs and spectators should be aware of the CFWA Spectator 'Codes of Conduct' within the CFWA Rules & Regulations. This document is able to be viewed at countryfootballwa.com.au

For 'minor' to 'medium' based indiscretions, the CFWA Spectator Management process will consist of a three-strike system with all strikes explained below:

- **First Strike** – This strike is a warning and explains the process to the offender.
- **Second Strike** – A two game suspension from attending any matches that are sanctioned by the league hosting the game. If this suspension is ignored, it will progress to strike three.
- **Strike Three** – A restraining order which will prevent the offender from attending any matches sanctioned by the league.

For indiscretions deemed 'major' in which a spectator has been found guilty of breaking the law, the League should consider automatically implementing a ban consistent with the penalty handed out after a third strike.

Any spectator who either accumulates three strikes or is found guilty of committing a major offence at a CFWA affiliated match should be reported to the Executive Manager Country Football, Facilities & Affiliates. The CFWA reserves the right to ban a spectator from attending all affiliated League matches for a length of time at its discretion, including a life time ban.

The 'Spectator Management' documentation can be obtained from the CFWA website. Please contact the office if you would like further information on the matter. Our email is wacountry@wafc.com.au

Game day environments are very important in building club culture and the WACFL wish is for all games to be a family friendly atmosphere for the betterment of the communities in which we operate.