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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Team Staff  
Club Ground Officials  
Referees

**From:** Trent Thomas

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**Reference:** Appropriate Behaviour – Spectators & Officials

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In recent weeks it has become apparent at many junior games that the behaviour of some spectators and team officials are bordering on what is acceptable and in some instances becoming very unacceptable. Junior football games are for the children to enjoy and participate, NOT for spectators and team officials to hurl abuse and intimidate those around them.

With finals in some age-groups having already commenced and most to be in action this weekend all teams/clubs are on notice to:

- 1. Remind spectators of appropriate behaviour and if so required CONTROL your spectators; and**
- 2. Remind team officials of their job – and that is to COACH & MANAGE, NOT to ABUSE, COMPLAIN, ARGUE.**

The CDSRA and Ground Officials at various venues are instructed that should behaviour get to a point where it is unacceptable and persons are unwilling to change games are to be stopped immediately. They will not recommence until such time as those persons whose behaviour stopped the game are in control of themselves or have left the area.

If you consider this an idle threat then try it on. Your actions will be reported and you will face sanctions against yourself and possible the team / club as a whole. There is no room in this game for those who cannot control themselves and their behaviour.

If you, as a spectator or team official, are given a directive by a Ground Official or Referee, then adhere to that. They are in control of the game/venue.

Whilst this may be primarily directed towards junior games the above of course applies to all games played within the CDSFA.

Be mindful of your actions and those around you. Enjoy the game and let the players participate with support and encouragement from those in attendance at the game. Not abuse and arguments.

~ENDS~