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MEMORANDUM

To: Member Clubs
Team Coaches
Team Managers
Association Players

From: Richard Scaff, CDSFA Secretary

Date: 13 May 2009

Reference: Indiscipline – Abuse of Match Officials

We are now five (5) rounds into the 2009 Winter season and already there have been 90 red card offences. The disturbing fact is a significant number of these are for offensive, insulting or abusive language directed at an opponent and/or match official.

This is unacceptable!

To further compound this, there are also a number of incidents of abuse to a match official after a player has been sent off and/or after the game has been completed. Whilst the Judiciary Committee has been dealing with the actual send-off incident, any reports submitted for actions after the send-off and/or after the game are being dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee. Players WILL be stood down pending hearings, and WILL be issued additional sentences by the Disciplinary Committee on top of any Judiciary sentence issued.

The Association will no longer tolerate undesirables within the Association. Education of these players and teams MUST START WITH THE CLUB. You are the ones that have direct and constant contact with your members. You must take some control and stop these incidents from occurring.

Serial offenders will not be tolerated. In the most extreme circumstances the Association will withdraw / refuse registration of individuals. Clubs should also look at this as well.

We are nearing the half-way point for a number of competitions in the coming weeks. I would trust that Clubs issue this notice to all their members and ensure behaviour is improved for all.

~ENDS~

cc. CDSFA Executive
Chair – Judiciary Committee
Chair – Disciplinary Committee
Chair – Appeals Committee
CDSRA Executive