

WEST AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SPECTATOR MANAGEMENT POLICY



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For all leagues and clubs throughout the WACFL, spectator management is a difficult task and can often become hard to manage. For this reason, the WACFL is introducing 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 WACFL Spectator 'Codes of Conduct' within the WACFL By-laws. This document is able to be viewed at WACFL.com.au

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

- **First Strike** – No official action is to be taken; 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 WACFL affiliated match should be reported to the WACFL General Manager. The WACFL 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 WACFL 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.

Regards

Joe Georgiades
WACFL GENERAL MANAGER

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STRIKE ONE

Dear _____

Date: _____

Match: _____

Location: _____

Offence: Offensive Violent Threatening Intoxicated

With the support of the WACFL, we have introduced a new Supporter Behaviour Governance system. This involves a three strike policy to ensure that game day environments are positive and provide a family friendly atmosphere.

As the League/Club holding the booking for the venue, we are responsible for the running of any events that occur whilst we hold the booking. As the holder of the booking it is within our rights to control who is allowed on the premises whilst the booking is in place.

We encourage all supporters to attend our matches and support their team, however we wish to keep these games family friendly and create an inviting environment for the whole community to enjoy.

You have been witnessed displaying poor conduct as indicated by the above ticked box. **The purpose of this letter is to advise you that poor spectator behaviour will not be tolerated and you have now been given your first strike.**

The first strike is considered a warning to you and we advise that you significantly improve your behaviour. If you are found to reoffend you will be issued with a second and potentially third strike with the penalties outlined below.

SECOND STRIKE – A two match suspension from attending club functions, which will ban you from attending any home games that the club is hosting.

THIRD STRIKE – The club will be proactive in implementing a restraining order on you making it illegal for you to attend (*Club Name*) matches. A third strike escalates this to a police matter.

We hope that you consider your actions and how they affect others in the future.

Please contact XXXXXXXXXXXX if you have any other questions.

Regards

(signature)

NAME XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX LEAGUE

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STRIKE TWO

Dear _____

Date: _____

Match: _____

Location: _____

Date of First Offence: _____

Offence: Offensive Violent Threatening Intoxicated

With the support of the WACFL, we have introduced a new Supporter Behaviour Governance system. This involves a three strike policy to ensure that game day environments are positive and provide a family friendly atmosphere.

As the League/Club hold the booking for the venue, we are responsible for the running of any events that occur whilst we hold the booking. As the holder of the booking it is within our rights to control who is allowed on the premises whilst the booking is in place.

We encourage all supporters to attend our matches and support their team, however we wish to keep these games family friendly and create an inviting environment for the whole community to enjoy.

You have been witnessed displaying poor conduct as indicated by the above ticked box. **The purpose of this letter is to advise you that this is the second time you have been witnessed displaying poor spectator behaviour and you have been issued with a second strike under the WACFL Spectator Management Policy.**

You are therefore banned from attending the following two Club/League matches and won't be allowed on this venue until _____.

If you break this ban and attend a game whilst serving the suspension, it will be considered as your third strike and we will be proactive in taking out a restraining order which will prevent you from attending any home games for the remainder of the season.

We'd also like to make you aware that should you reoffend for the third time once you have completed your second strike ban, the League/Club will implement a third strike, and will be proactive in issuing a restraining order against you, banning you from attending any matches for the remainder of the season and the League/Club facilities.

Please contact XXXXXXXXXXXX if you have any other questions.

Regards
(Signature)

NAME XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX LEAGUE

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STRIKE THREE

Dear _____

Date: _____

Match: _____

Location: _____

Date of First Offence: _____

Date of Second Offence: _____

Offence: Offensive Violent Threatening Intoxicated

With the support of the WACFL, we have introduced a new Supporter Behaviour Governance system. This involves a three strike policy to ensure that game day environments are positive and provide a family friendly atmosphere.

As the League/Club hold the booking for the venue, we are responsible for the running of any events that occur whilst we hold the booking. As the holder of the booking it is within our rights to control who is allowed on the premises whilst the booking is in place.

We encourage all supporters to attend our matches and support their team, however we wish to keep these games family friendly and create an inviting environment for the whole community to enjoy.

You have been witnessed displaying poor conduct as indicated by the above ticked box. **The purpose of this letter is to advise you that this is the third time you have been witnessed displaying poor spectator behaviour and you have been issued with a third strike under the WACFL Spectator Management Policy.**

You are therefore banned from attending Club/League matches for the remainder of the season.

The League/Club will be proactive in issuing a restraining order against you banning you from attending any matches for the remainder of the season and the League/Club facilities.

Please contact XXXXXXXXXXXX if you have any other questions.

Regards

(Signature)

NAME XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX LEAGUE

WACFL SPECTATOR MANAGEMENT POLICY (EXTREME VERSION)



Dear _____

Date: _____

Match: _____

Location: _____

Date of First Offence: _____

Date of Second Offence: _____

Offence: Offensive Violent Threatening Intoxicated

With the support of the WACFL and WA Police, our League has introduced a new Supporter Behaviour Governance System. This was brought in to ensure that game day environments are positive and provide a family friendly atmosphere for our communities.

As the League holds the booking for the venue, we are responsible for the running of any events that occur whilst we hold the booking and are within our rights to control who is allowed on the premises whilst the booking is in place.

We encourage all supporters to attend our matches and support their teams, however we require these games be played in a family friendly atmosphere that creates an inviting environment for the whole community.

Unfortunately, due the seriousness of your actions (for which you have been found guilty at XXXXXXXXXXXXX) at the above mentioned event, the XXXXXXXXX League has decided to hand down a XXXXXXXX penalty from attending XXXXXXXX League matches. This penalty applies to all WACFL affiliated League matches around the state.

Should we become aware of your attendance at any future matches within this penalty range, the league will be proactive in escalating your attendance to a police matter and will place a restraining order preventing you from attending any further league/club games or functions.

Please contact XXXXXXXXXXXXX if you have any other questions.

Regards

(Signature)

NAME XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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