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Subject: GAME ENVIRONMENT – RED FLAG SYSTEM

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Audience: Club Committees, WAAFL Board Members

Summary: The Red Flag reporting tool is to be used by Club Presidents and Competition Officials to report and track behaviours that are contributing to a negative game environment	Action: Club Presidents to report all incidents relating to Game Environment and volunteer behaviour through the provided link.
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The WA Football Industry recently indicated that providing a positive and safe game environment is the most important factor to the success of football and therefore protecting and enhancing our game environment will always be a strategic focus.

The **Red Flag** reporting tool is vital in monitoring and recording the standard of the environment and the spirit in which they are played in all segments of the game. The Red Flag reporting tool has been developed whereby key football stakeholders are able to identify and bring to the attention of governing bodies any undesirable behaviors and actions that may breach any Codes of Conduct or By-Laws of the various football competitions across Western Australia. This process allows the WAFC to track, record and address any negative behaviors to ensure we are maintaining a positive & safe game environment.

The Red Flag notification is completed online. Issues that are flagged that require official intervention will be overseen by the WAFC in consultation with the specific League Officials and WAFC District/Regional Staff.

The Red Flag reporting tool can apply to everyone involved in football from coaches, spectators, and players to volunteers and club administrators.

Who has access to Red Flag?

- WAFC Staff
- Competition Officials
- Club Presidents

What should be Red Flagged?

- Any person displaying behaviour seen as negatively influencing the game environment or development/enjoyment of players playing the game.
- Any coach or official who is sent to a Tribunal or suspended via the prescribed penalty system.

Red flags can be lodged at redflag.wafootball.com.au.

Once a person is red flagged an investigation into the behavior will be triggered. Red Flags will only be actioned if reported by someone in a role as outlined.