



## **GUIDELINES FOR SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

School Sport Australia, through its state and territory member bodies, is committed to taking all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of participants and officials at all School Sport Australia events and to also providing a safe environment for all spectators.

Organising Committees for School Sport Australia events are asked to include the following statement, or an equivalent host state position, in any appropriate event documents for all team and event officials and to ensure that any other key personnel are aware of the procedures to be followed should there be an instance of willful disturbance or trespass during a Championship

### **Guidelines for Managing Spectator Conduct which is contrary to the School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct**

#### **BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIP:**

- Championship Convener will meet with venue management to pre-determine appropriate processes where eviction from a venue may be required.
- Member bodies will distribute School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct to all team members, their families and all team officials.
- Parents/guardians of all team members should be required to sign a consent form which acknowledges their responsibilities in regard to the Codes of Conduct for Parents and Spectators.
- The host state will include the School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct in the Championship Program.
- The host state will bring to the notice of all participants, team and championship officials, parents and spectators at the championship venue the School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct which are to operate for the championship.

**Where an adult other than a team or event official contravenes the School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct for Parents and Spectators, the following course of action should be implemented:**

#### **DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP:**

- If the offending adult is associated with a particular team, one of that team's officials will be requested by the host state to familiarise the offender with the School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct and request compliance.
- If the offending adult is not associated with a particular team, the host state Championship Convener or host state School Sport Executive Officer will familiarise the offender with the School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct and request compliance.
- If contravention of the School Sport Australia Codes of Conduct continues, the Championship Convener will warn the offender that the game/s in progress will be stopped until such time as the offender modifies his/her conduct.
- The Championship Convener will advise the offender that he/she is causing a willful disturbance and unless his/her conduct is modified, the police will be summoned.



- Enact any agreed procedures negotiated with venue management.
- Should the police be summoned, the host state Executive Officer should advise the appropriate people in his/her department of the incident.

**AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP:**

- The School Sport Australia member body whose team the offending adult was associated with will be notified by the Host State.