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Council and Club Members.

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Behavioural Issues at Football Matches – Players, Coaches, Spectators

I would like to bring to your attention a worrying issue that has been arising in games across the South Coast. There have been reports of verbal abuse at games involving players, coaches and spectators. In particular, some of this verbal abuse has been directed at referees and some others have involved players, spectators and coaches “having a go at one another”.

These incidences do nothing positive for our game and its profile in the region. The responsibility of people’s behaviour at games, training and in the general football environment is something we all need to take extremely seriously. Strong leadership is required by all concerned.

I would ask you all to ensure that your players, coaches and spectators are aware and understand that they have obligations and duties to the game. There are some measures in place including Clubs being obligated to providing Ground/Club Officials wearing an Officials jacket and at all Men’s Premiership matches the Football South Coast Admissions & Spectator Code of Conduct Board is clearly displayed.

At the Men’s Premiership matches each Club has to provide four (4) Officials. Their obligations are towards their team and the game, and that includes referees. If people are in serious breach in terms of their behaviour and conduct then the Disciplinary process will take its course. In the main if Clubs fail to identify the alleged perpetrator/s then that particular Club will be subject to the Disciplinary process. We are all ultimately responsible for our game here on the South Coast. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

If you require further discussion please do contact me on 4285 6929 or ceo@footballsouthcoast.com

Yours Faithfully

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Chief Executive Officer

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