



**Joint Statement by the AWFA and AWSRA Executives.**

***"There is concern with the prevalence of audible inappropriate language by players on the field of play and persons in Technical Areas."***

Following joint discussions between the AWFA and AWSRA Executives it has been determined that all Club members and all referees be advised: -

***The Laws of the Game relating to the use of offensive or insulting or abusive language or gestures or inappropriate behavior, will be acted on firmly and with diligence by referees.***

***Zero Tolerance in relation to Offensive or Insulting or Abusive Language or Gestures or Inappropriate Behavior means that it will be dealt with on all occasions where, in the view of the match officials, it is "obvious and/or audible". Any resulting sanction is at the discretion of the Referee.***

***This applies to all Players on the field as well as all persons in the Technical area.***

***Clubs must ensure all club Marshall's are fully conversant with and proactive in the execution of their duties***

**Entry to Referees Room**

***No person, other than Match Officials, AWSRA Inspectors/Instructors or Team Managers (to deliver and/or retrieve team books only) are permitted to enter the Referee's Room unless specifically invited by the Referee.***

***All people must behave at all times in a courteous and responsible manner and must leave immediately if requested to do so by a Match Official.***

Signature.

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AWFA President.

Signature.

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AWSRA President.