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TO: All FFV Clubs and Club Associates

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SUBJECT: Misconduct – General
Misconduct – Offensive, Insulting and/or Abusive Language

Misconduct – General

All FFV Clubs and Clubs Associates are reminded that acts of Misconduct will be dealt with decisively under the Grievance, Disciplinary and Tribunal (GDT) By-Law 10. All Clubs and Club Associates are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the provisions of the GDT By-Law 10 which can be accessed on the FFV website at:

<http://www.footballfedvic.com.au/competitions/discipline/rules/>.

Repeated acts of Misconduct will be subject to severe penalties in addition to the deduction of championship points for offending teams.

It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that the Rules of Competition are followed and that the GDT By-Law is not breached. The responsibility of Clubs extends to their office bearers, officials, coaches, team managers, players, members, supporters, in addition to anyone who is associated with the Club.

Misconduct – Offensive, Insulting and/or Abusive Language

All FFV Clubs and Club Associates are put on notice that the use of Offensive, Insulting and/or Abusive Language during fixtures, particularly in the Technical Area will not be tolerated. FFV Referees, Match Commissioners and other representatives have been instructed not to tolerate such and to report any offences.

The use of Offensive, Insulting and/or Abusive Language could amount to Misconduct and may result in the offenders being dismissed from the Technical Area, along with exposing themselves, their Club and Team to suspensions, fines and the deduction of championship points for repeat offences.

When a person uses language that could be perceived to be Offensive, Insulting and/or Abusive, it is how the receiver interprets it that matters, not the intention of the sender! When in doubt, you are encouraged to monitor language used, and to refrain from using words that could be construed as Offensive, Insulting and/or Abusive.