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Football Australia Circular

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TO THE MEMBERS OF FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

UPDATED CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS AND MEMBER PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

The purpose of this Circular is to notify Members that Football Australia will publish its new Code of Conduct and Ethics today. In conjunction with this, Football Australia will also roll out a new webpage to support its Member Protection Framework, which will provide helpful information relating to member protection matters at all levels of football. They will be published on the Football Australia website at www.footballaustralia.com.au.

These important regulatory resources form part of Football Australia's proactive approach to creating a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all to participate in our game and to protect and enhance the reputation of football in Australia. They reflect the values of our sport in establishing a strong identity for football in Australia, in line with Principle I of the *XI Principles for the future of Australian Football*.

These updates follow an extensive consultation period with key stakeholders that commenced in late 2019.

The new Code of Conduct and Ethics brings in changes which align with the FIFA Code of Ethics, which was updated in 2020, and contains improvements and increased clarity which will enhance Football Australia's integrity framework.

An important accompaniment to these regulatory documents is Football Australia's new confidential online reporting tool which is available at www.footballaustralia.com.au/report. The reporting tool may be used to confidentially report matters relating to integrity, safeguarding, national member protection issues, as well as disclosable matters under Football Australia's Whistleblower Policy. Reports may also be made via a confidential hotline at 1800 571 850.

Football Australia is working on developing further supporting resources, including educational materials, to supplement these regulations and policies, which will be published in due course.

The Football Australia Legal and Integrity Department will work with stakeholders in transitioning to these new regulations and may be contacted should Members have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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