

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INITIATIVE

Title: Sport Rage Prevention Website

Background: The Sport Rage Prevention Website was established following a successful pilot program between Soccer NSW, NSW Sport and Recreation, and Blacktown and District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA) in 2004. It targeted parents, coaches, referees and club administrators.

The aim of the pilot project was to trial strategies to prevent and deal with sport rage with a view to developing a website available to all sports clubs and organisations.

Trials of the program were also conducted with surfing and schools.

Purpose: The website is designed to provide tools for club administrators to manage the problem of sport rage within their organisation. With a range of strategies, easy to follow solutions and clear guidelines, club administrators will be able to put in place measures to prevent sport rage and effectively deal with instances when they arise.

Description: The website includes information on a range of sport-rage topics including:

- The impact of sport-rage on officials and clubs
- Preventing sport rage by raising awareness and encouraging fair play
- Putting measures in place such as codes of conduct, disciplinary procedures and ground officials
- Dealing with an incident and understanding the law
- Case studies and useful information

It also provides tools including codes of conduct, prevention kits, templates and checklists.

Recognition: Clubs can obtain five free posters, each promoting a sport-rage prevention message. Individuals can also win a bag of goodies by participating in an on-line competition.

Outcomes: The Sport Rage Prevention Website was launched December 2004 and has already received a great deal of recognition and support, particularly from Soccer and Rugby League.

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