

MEMO TO ALL CLUBS – 26th February 2015

Re: RETRACTION OF FOOTBALL TOOWOOMBA'S DISSENT DIRECTIVE

Introduction

In an effort to aid in referee retention and to enhance the image of our game in general, the Football Toowoomba CA implemented a directive at the commencement of the 2014 competition season whereby players that were cautioned and shown the yellow card for dissent accrued what was effectively *two* yellow card sanctions on their record.

Retraction

It is apparent that incidences of dissent towards match officials in all forms decreased significantly throughout the 2014 season. Whether or not this is a direct consequence of the Dissent Directive is not clear, however the Football Toowoomba CA feels that there is sufficient reasoning to retract the “double demerit” penalty for persons guilty of committing dissent as stated in the directive, subject to the “Note” section below.

Football Toowoomba hereby retracts the “double demerit” penalty stated in the aforementioned directive, effective immediately.

Notes

While the Football Toowoomba CA are content to remove the “double demerit” penalty for players guilty of dissent, Match Officials will not cease to strongly enforce the offence of Dissent as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game and in detail in the initial directive. This includes the specific attention that will be given to *obvious and on-going dissent*.

This retraction document does not incorporate Football Toowoomba's Zero Tolerance Foul Language directive, which remains in effect indefinitely as stated in that particular document.

Further Information

If you would like further information, please contact the Football Toowoomba Referees Officer Kehan Ryley at toowoomba@ausref.com