



Good Sporting Behaviour Policy
For the 2009 season

Aim: To discourage acts of poor sporting behaviour from spectators and players. Encourage professional behaviour and consistency from umpires. Encourage clubs to aid in the development of umpire's skill level. Assist in communication between clubs, their umpires and HNA.

The following will be trialed for the 2009 season:

1. It will be compulsory for clubs to have an Umpire Co-ordinator. Details must be completed on Affiliation form. The Umpire Co-ordinator must attend HNA umpire meetings and is responsible for ensuring information is passed on to ALL club umpires.
2. An umpire must have attended a basic umpire course to officiate a HNA competition game. Each club will be allowed 3 times in which an umpire can be used who is not eligible for emergency etc reasons, after the third time a fine will be incurred.
3. All umpires are encouraged to advance the ball when a player shows unsportsmanlike behaviour; this includes any verbal or body language that disputes calls or any disrespect shown to the umpire. It needs to be the standard that all umpires penalise this behaviour uniformly.
4. All umpires must be dressed predominantly in white, failure to do so will be noted on the scorecard.
5. Unsportsmanlike behaviour incident form to be introduced. All clubs to keep blank copies in their clubrooms and in the event of unsportsmanlike behaviour from a spectator the form is to be completed and returned with the scorecard. The form can only be completed by an official, e.g. the umpire, club committee member or coach.
 - 1st incident – copy of form sent to club concerned, with name of person who lodged the form removed, no further action.
 - 2nd incident – follow up letter and copy of form sent to club and offending person, official warning given.
 - 3rd incident – Banned