

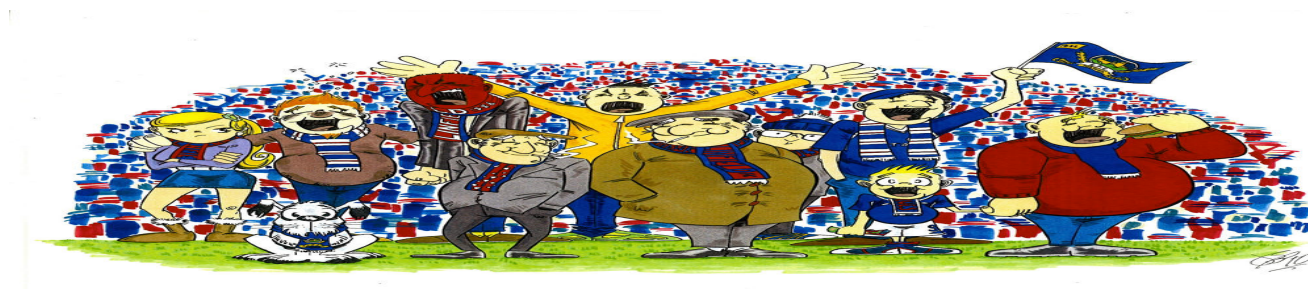
TLS update guidelines for season 2025/2026

The TLS has had a huge positive effect on behaviour over the season

We have seen clubs really take ownership of concerns and it has been excellent to work together with clubs to improve experiences for all involved.

Next steps – Spectator behaviour has unfortunately continued to decline, this is evident in the reports received and the feedback from the recent league survey.

Adults cannot be allowed to continually have a negative effect on our players, clubs have asked us for support in these areas which has led to the new TLS criteria.



Spectators are there to watch the game and positively support the players, team and Coaches. They are not there to become actively involved, let the children play and enjoy the game – let the coaches coach those players enabling them to develop naturally in a fun and safe environment.



The new interventions are as follows –

Any spectator entering the field of play will now result in the team being placed on the red TLS.

Any spectator engaging against clubs conduct expectations will result in the team being placed on yellow or red TLS depending on the nature of the incident.

Clubs have advised that they will be taking additional measures against negative spectator behaviour - this will be supported by the league.

All these steps are being taken to improve the experience for all involved in grassroots football.

Any referee abuse will not be tolerated and automatically results in a red TLS status for the team.

Any Racial Abuse will not be tolerated and automatically results in a red TLS status.

In these instances, the CFA investigate – if found guilty teams remain on the red TLS.



**NO TO
RACISM**

All remaining reported incidents will be dealt with via the TLS system on an individual basis.

The TLS system is now concluding the second season, over the last season it has been utilised in over 165 cases. The league uses this initiative to support clubs to improve behaviour, this can be in various ways from in person presence to educational courses, all to support clubs to create the best environment for its young players.

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