



Sideline Behaviour Policy

Background

This policy is shared across FC Tauranga Moana (FCTM) and its affiliated clubs to outline a shared responsibility of our members and supporters when representing the club. It supports the NZ Football Code of Conduct (a copy can be found on our [website resources page](#)) to maintain the best environment for players, coaches, officials and supporters.

Policy

FCTM members and supporters should at all times:

Respect Officials

- Understand that mistakes will be made, and they don't have the luxury of VAR.
- Help the referee by offering to be an assistant.

Sideline Support

- Leave coaches to provide directions from the sideline.
 - Advice from supporters may not be consistent that Coaches have provided, and therefore confuse players.
- Positive support is encouraged, especially during the tough moments.
- Respect and be a good sport to your team, coaches and opposition.
- Applaud effort over outcome.
- Let the players play the game and enjoy watching them play.

Process

If you witness sideline behaviour from a member of our club or the opposition that contradicts this policy, we encourage you to report this. All reports will be treated confidentially.

On receipt of a report, a club member will observe and, if required, speak directly to the member/supporter in question.

If the poor sideline behaviour continues, the member/supporter will be asked to leave the ground.

In the case of an opposition player, we will speak with the club in question. If necessary, we can also report this to WaiBOP or NRF for further action.