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Subject: Abuse Of Umpires - Adopted Policy

To Secretary, (Cronulla Sutherland Junior Baseball, Cronulla Sutherland Minor League Baseball and St George Baseball Association)

I am writing to you to advise you that the St George-Sutherland Baseball Umpires Association (STG-SBUA) has adopted an Abuse of Umpires Policy.

The Policy outlines the approach the umpires will now be taking when they umpire games. Therefore, asking if you would take this back to all Clubs/Coaches/Managers/Players and spectators and ensure that should a situation arise in the future they are fully aware of the rulings made by the officials of the game.

Here is a copy of the guidelines of which have been adopted by the STG-SBUA:

Zero Tolerance, i.e. immediate ejection without warning, be applied 100% across the board at this level for the following actions;

1. Intentional physical contact
2. Kicking or throwing dirt on or at an umpire
3. Questioning an umpires honesty or integrity
4. Profane language that is directed at the umpire personally
5. Profane language that is directed at the umpires partner
6. Spitting on or at an umpire
7. An obscene gesture directed toward an umpire, their partner, opposing player, or fan
8. Flagrantly throwing equipment or part of uniform in obvious protest of a call
9. Drawing a line in the dirt with the obvious intent of showing the umpire up
10. Throwing objects from the dugout onto playing field
11. Leaving position on field to argue balls and strikes

Regards

Scott Collins

Secretary

St. George - Sutherland Baseball Umpires Association Inc.