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To All Member Clubs

As an extension of the recent incident regarding Rosewater Football Club (RFC) players Adam Rumbelow and Dylan Lockwood, The League has had cause to consider the behavioural patterns of the RFC both on and off the field over a two year period.

The comparative indicators of behaviour for fellow member clubs have the RFC exceed that of clubs who are currently subject to an Amended Affiliation Agreement.

The League does not believe it to be in anyone's interests, least of all the RFC to document a full list of breaches to The League's Code of Conduct, however we draw your attention to the following;

13th June 2015 – RFC player Scott Balchin was reported and subsequently suspended for 4 matches for abusive and threatening language to an Umpire.

22nd August 2015 - RFC Player Brett McPherson was reported and suspended for 12 matches for striking resulting in an opposition player's jaw being broken.

15th June 2016 – The League has received information that a recent Rosewater U18 match was played in conduct unbecoming with a reported melee and \$250 fine.

18th June 2016 – RFC player Jonothan Mahney reported and suspended for 6 matches and a further 2 matches suspended for abusive and threatening language towards an Umpire.

16th July 2016 – RFC player Dylan Lockwood reported for undue rough play in the same match the umpire was assaulted. Player refused to leave the ground with the umpire resorting to seeking assistance from the Rosewater's Coach's box to have the player removed.

16th July 2016 – RFC player Adam Rumbelow reported for:

- Striking an Umpire
- *Guilt to be determined

In consideration of the breaches listed and in conjunction with a similar number of additional breaches not listed, The League is confident we have offered the RFC ample opportunity to address ongoing concerns and have little choice but to act in the interests of the wider football community. The League has little faith the RFC can enact a short term plan to arrest what is clearly a pattern poor and anti-social behaviour both on and off field and invoke the following effective immediately;



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- The RFC is fined \$2,000 for bringing The League into Disrepute.
- The RFC is suspended from all SAAFL competitions for the remainder of the 2016 season.

The RFC will be subject to an Amended Affiliation Agreement in the event it seeks affiliation with The League from season 2017.

The League's expectations for an acceptable standard of behaviour is well documented and is non-negotiable. The League remains open to collaboration with the RFC as it is with all clubs as to what practices should be established to ensure a sustainable and viable club operation but all clubs should be under no illusions that a club's short & long term affiliation with the South Australian Amateur Football League is their responsibility and theirs alone.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Kernahan', written in a cursive style.

John Kernahan
Chief Executive Officer