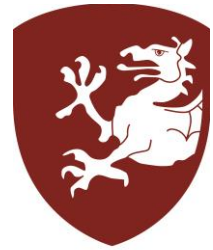


SPECTATORS AT LEAGUE MATCHES



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To clarify a concern that has been raised in the officiating community regarding spectator safety at league matches clubs are reminded that League rule 12.1.1 makes spectators the responsibility of the club.

Clubs are also advised that for any match the EH Code of Ethics and Behaviour (Respect) also makes it the responsibility of clubs to regulate the behaviour of their players, officials, members and spectators.

If an umpire is concerned then they should consider the balance of risk and deal with it through the captain. If the umpire is unhappy with the captain's actions it is a disrepute matter and the umpire should warn the captain accordingly. In the most extreme circumstances the umpire could abandon the game.

If a club has any concerns please contact the League Chair, [Jan Bowen](#) in the first instance.