



SPIRIT OF THE GAME



A collective responsibility scoring model

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INTRODUCTION



A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY SCORING MODEL

AFL Policy

The AFL KIDS FIRST PROGRAM states; the Kids First Program is designed to support community leagues and clubs in guiding parents, so they and their children obtain maximum enjoyment from participating in football.

THE OBJECTIVE of the AFL Kids First Program:

1. Provide a formal framework in which leagues, associations and clubs can encourage constructive parent behaviour.
2. Develop parental understanding of the importance of setting the right example in junior sport
3. Increase parent/guardian ownership in providing a quality sporting environment
4. Promote good social behaviour in junior sport
5. Promote appreciation and foster increased respect for the role of the umpire
6. Promote encouragement of all children in both teams
7. Decrease the number of conflict situations at junior matches

Collective responsibility scoring model

This scoring model aims to address the issue of unsportsmanlike behaviour by holding teams accountable through an evaluation option which rates the SPIRIT of each team.

SPIRIT is a star rating (5 stars for excellent to 1 star for poor) of each team's SPIRIT of the Game.

For the match, each team self-evaluates their 'SPIRIT of the Game' then they evaluate the opposing team's 'SPIRIT of the Game', the umpires will also evaluate each team's 'SPIRIT of the Game'.

All evaluation is done through the 'SPIRIT of the Game' online APP at the completion of the match or through the website.

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WHAT IS SPIRIT?



Scores are not Included in SPIRIT of the GAME

- How was the experience of the match?
- How was the behaviour of the team officials and their spectators? Did they display good sportspersonship?
- How was the behaviour of the players? Did they display good sportspersonship?
- Did the team show respect to the umpires and other match officials?
- Did the team feel safe at the match?

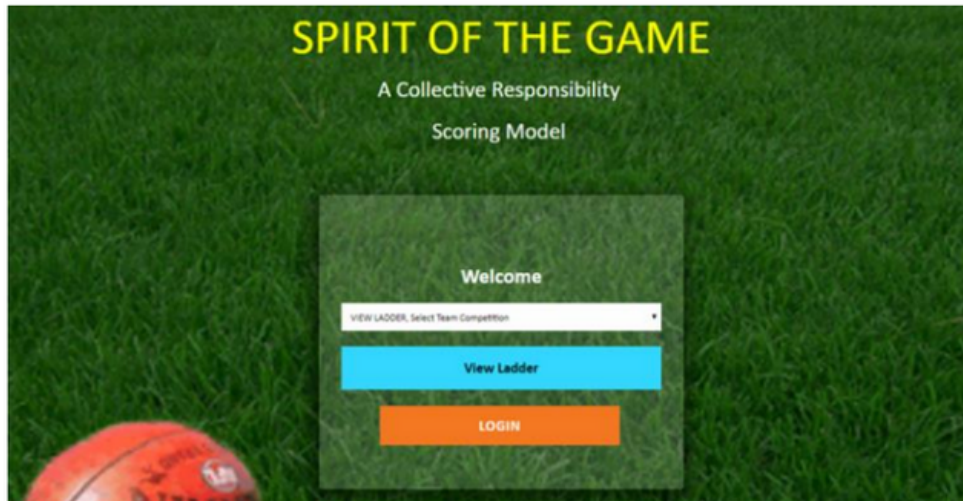


THE WEBSITE



The SPIRIT of the Game is able to be accessed through the WRFL website. Alternatively, the SPIRIT of the Game APP is available to download.

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Homepage

Purpose of SPIRIT of the Game

The purpose of a collective responsibility scoring model

Scoring Explained

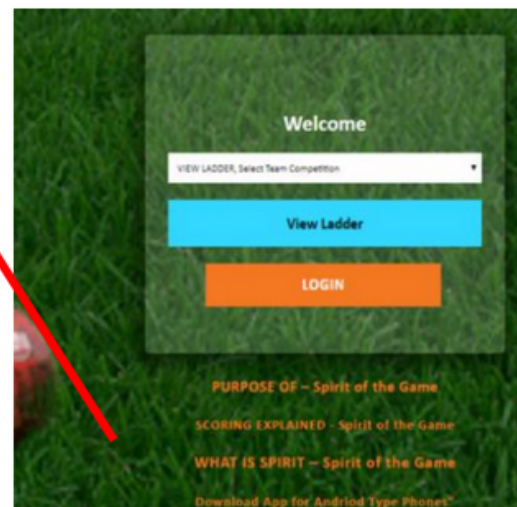
The scoring of points explained

What is SPIRIT of the GAME?

Explains SPIRIT

Download APP

Allows you to download the app to your phone



THE WEBSITE



Ladder

View Ladder

This function allows you to view where your team sits on the SPIRIT ladder without logging in.

The ladder works as a tool to positively promote good behaviour. Parents, players, coaches and club officials can see and promote the good SPIRIT of their team.

Alternatively, it also clearly highlights poor behaving teams.



	Name	Points
1	Albion	15
2	Wyndhamvale	15
3	Williamstown Jnrs	15
4	Werribee Districts	15
5	Werribee Centrals	15
6	Tarneit	15
7	St Bernards	15
8	Spotswood	15
9	Pt Cook Centrals	15
10	Point Cook	15
11	Hoppers Crossing	15
12	Caroline Springs	15
13	Altona Juniors	15
14	Yarrville Seddon	15

Example:

Under 14 Division 3 Ladder

The high performing team with good SPIRIT

The poor performing team with poor SPIRIT



THE WEBSITE



Team Log In

Example:

Spotswood U16 Division 1 Ladder

Dropdown boxes - only allows you to select options related to your log in details.

1. My Team

The only option available.

2. My Team Rating

Select a star option

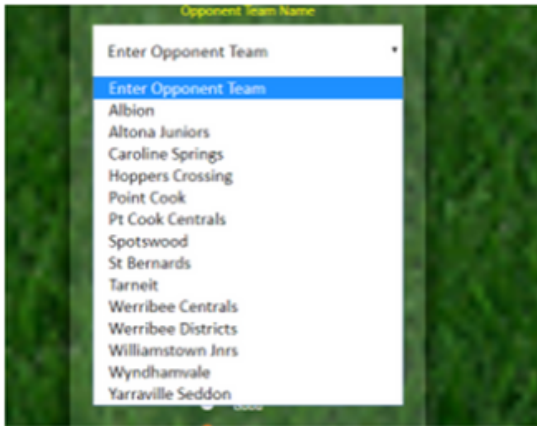


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3. Opponent Team Name

Only teams in that competitions

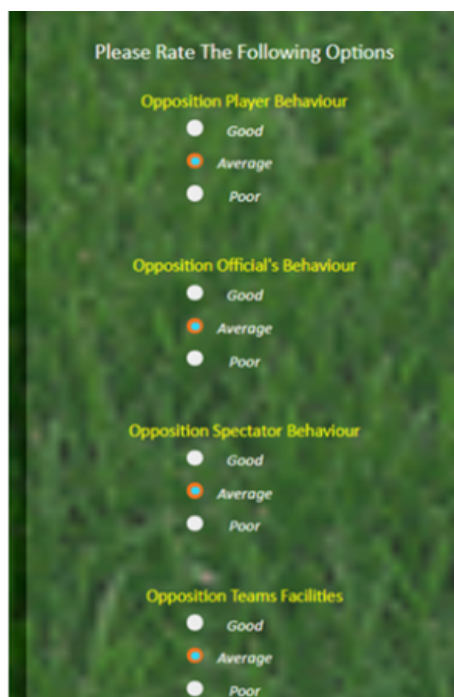


4. Opponent Team Rating

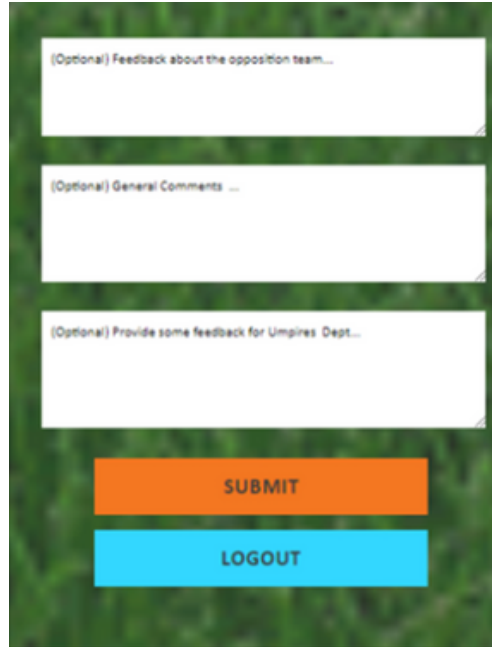
Select a star option



5. Rate the Following Options



6. Optional Feedback Options

A screenshot of a web form for providing feedback. The form is set against a background of green grass. It contains three text input fields, each with a placeholder text starting with "(Optional)". The first field is for "Feedback about the opposition team...", the second for "General Comments ...", and the third for "Provide some feedback for Umpires Dept...". Below the input fields are two buttons: an orange "SUBMIT" button and a light blue "LOGOUT" button.

(Optional) Feedback about the opposition team...

(Optional) General Comments ...

(Optional) Provide some feedback for Umpires Dept...

SUBMIT

LOGOUT

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Umpire Log In

Home Page

Welcome umpire3

Select Team Competition

Home Team Name

Select Home Team

Home Team Rating

Home Team Rating

Please Rate The Following Options

Home Team Player Behaviour

- Good
- Average
- Poor

Home Team Official's Behaviour

- Good

1. Select Team Competition

Under 14 Div 3

Home Team Name

Select Team

Select Team

- Albion
- Altona Juniors
- Caroline Springs
- Hoppers Crossing
- Point Cook
- Pt Cook Centrals
- Spotswood
- St Bernards
- Tarneit
- Werribee Centrals
- Werribee Districts
- Williamstown Jnrs
- Wyndhamvale
- Yarraville Seddon

2. Home Team Name

Select Team Competition

Select Team Competition

- Under 18 Girls Div 1
- Under 18 Girls Div 2
- Under 16 Div 1
- Under 16 Div 2
- Under 16 Div 3
- Under 16 Div 4
- Under 15 Girls Div 1
- Under 15 Girls Div 2
- Under 15 Girls Div 3
- Under 14 Div 1
- Under 14 Div 2
- Under 14 Div 3
- Under 14 Div 4
- Under 14 Div 5
- Under 12 Girls Div 1
- Under 12 Girls Div 2
- Under 12 Girls Div 3
- Under 12 Div 1
- Under 12 Div 2

3. Home Team Rating

Home Team Rating

Home Team Rating

- ★★★★★
- ★★★★
- ★★★
- ★★
- ★

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THE WEBSITE



4. Home Team Options

Please Rate The Following Options

Home Team Player Behaviour

Good

Average

Poor

Home Team Official's Behaviour

Good

Average

Poor

Home Team Spectator Behaviour

Good

Average

Poor

Home Teams Facilities/Equipment

Good

Average

Poor

5. Home Team Optional Info

(Optional) Feedback about the Home Team...

The umpires will follow the same process for away teams and then submit their results.

** SPIRIT of the game only applies to WRFL umpires – it does NOT apply to club umpires. **



DATA RECEIVED



Reset SPIRIT Website

Each Monday morning at 10am, the SPIRIT website / APP for that weekends round of matches will be locked to prevent new entries. The site will also be reset and the data cleared ready for the next round of matches. At this time, all of the information collected is automatically transferred into a (private) online database and the SPIRIT ladder updated accordingly.

Red Flag Alerts

SPIRIT website automatically generates an email to the administrators of the round's results. This email includes RED FLAGS. If a team scores consecutive weeks of 1 star, then there is a red flag and the team, their results and comments are highlighted and sent to the WRFL to contact the Club and take action if necessary.

Comments Section

All comments received through the SPIRIT website / APP automatically attach to the team and their weekend's results and sit in the database.

Comments will be sent directly to the WRFL after each match.

The aim is for positive comments to be published and given to the corresponding club to use as a tool for promotion of their club.

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SCORING EXPLAINED



General Scoring Options

- ★★★★★ 9 points, or 10 points if ★★★★★★ in consecutive rounds
- ★★★★ 7 points, or 8 points if ★★★★★ in consecutive rounds
- ★★★ 5 points, or 6 points if ★★★★ in consecutive rounds
- ★★ 4 points, or 3 points if ★★ in consecutive rounds
- ★ 2 points, or 1 point if ★ in consecutive rounds

Also a BONUS weekly 1 point for every team that logs into 'SPIRIT of the Game' and submits their results.

Example; Scoring ★★★★★ = 9 points. Scoring another ★★★★★ the very next week = 10

Example; Scoring ★ = 2 points. Scoring another ★ the very next week = 1 point

Checks and Balances in Place

Self Rating (Over Rating Your Team)

The Umpires scores are calculated based on the average of the 2 umpire ratings.

Example; Umpire 1 score rating is ★★★★★ = 7 points. Umpire 2 score rating is ★★★ = 5 points. Therefore $(7+5) / 2 = 6$ points.

Rating your own teams score, 5 points or higher than the 2 Umpire's average score, your teams score is removed and becomes only 1 point.

Example; the Umpires score your team a ★★ average = 4 points. You score yourself ★★★★★ = 9 points. Your score minus Umpires score is 5 points or greater the difference. Therefore your score becomes 1 point. $9-4 = 5$.

SCORING EXPLAINED



Rating Your Opponent (Under Rating Opponent)

Rating your own teams score, 5 points or lower than the Umpires rating will result in your opponent rating score being cancelled and replaced with the Umpires opponent rating score.

Example; the Umpires scores Opponent team a ★★★★★ = 7 points. You score Opponent a ★ = 2 points. Umpire score minus your score is 5 or greater, therefore your opponent score becomes the Umpires rating score. Means opponent gets Umpire score = 7 points.



UNDER 8, 9 AND 10 COMPETITIONS



There is no scoring for Under 8, 9 and 10s, therefore it is possible to have the SPIRIT % as a way to rank teams in terms of their sportspersonship.

Having Under 8, 9 and 10s learning the value of good sportspersonship means they will carry these values throughout their entire football career. It will also educate the parents, team officials and volunteers and supporters to value and engage with good sportspersonship.

When no WRFL official umpire is available, a club umpire will officiate which means they will not need to complete SPIRIT of the Game rating. The rating will default back to a score of 5 (first week) then 6 (3 stars) for each week afterwards.

For season 2022 SPIRIT of the Game is compulsory for all Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 competitions.

The league will promote clubs and teams showing excellent SPIRIT by awarding prizes and recognising through league website and social media.

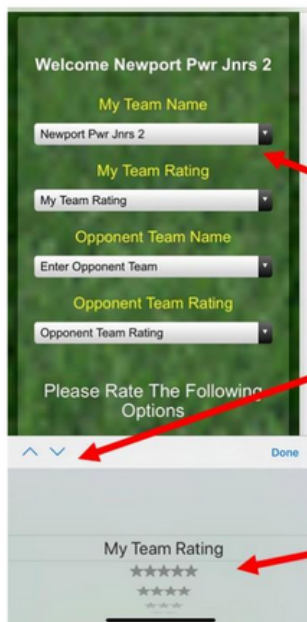
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DOWNLOAD BOOKMARK



For iPhones

1. Open up Safari and go to www.spiritofthegame.com.au website
2. At the bottom of the Safari screen you will see an icon depicting an arrow that looks like it's trying to get away from a square. This represents the (add Bookmark) icon. Tap this button
3. If you managed to tap that button successfully, you'll have a few options. The one you want to tap is "Add to Home Screen".
4. You'll be asked to choose a name for the Home Screen icon. A suggestion would be SPIRIT or SOTG (SPIRIT of the Game). Once this is done, then you can click on this bookmark for future use as opposed to typing in the website address each time.



APPLE iphone drop down box instructions

Go to the selection.

Use the blue arrows to see the drop down box options.

All drop down options appear in the grey section below.