

NO RACISM GESTURE

IMPLEMENTATION IN THE THREE-STEP PROCEDURE

The No Racism Gesture has been formally implemented into the existing Three-Step Procedure, following the unanimous approval given by all member associations at the 74th FIFA Congress in Bangkok.

The three steps outlined below represent the basic elements to be implemented in competitions and how the No Racism Gesture is implemented into this protocol. Each step should be upscaled and expanded in accordance with the increasing scale and resources of the competition in question.



STEP 1 – STOP THE MATCH

REFEREE

The referee observes or receives a report of abuse. They will use the No Racism Gesture to signal the incident.

The referee will decide whether or not to stop the match.

PLAYER

A player who is targeted by abuse uses the No Racism Gesture to signal the incident to the referee, captain or team official.

The referee will decide whether or not to stop the match.

COMPETITION OFFICIAL

The Competition Official observes or receives a report of abuse. They will communicate to the referee the need to stop the match.

The referee will decide whether or not to stop the match.

An announcement is made at the venue to inform everyone of the reasons for stopping the match, and that if the incident does not cease, the match will be suspended.



STEP 2 – SUSPEND THE MATCH

If the incident does not cease upon the match being restarted, the referee suspends the match and instructs both teams to return to the dressing rooms.

An announcement is made at the venue to inform everyone of the reason for stopping the match, and that if the incident does not cease, the match will be abandoned.



STEP 3 – ABANDON THE MATCH

If the incident does not cease upon the match being restarted, the referee will abandon the match. This will only happen after consultation with the relevant authorities and experts, and only when it is safe to abandon.