

# TRUE SPORT<sup>+</sup>

*The way we play together shapes the way we live together*

## THE GREEN CARD SYSTEM

Some sports already use the yellow and red card system to indicate when someone has done something wrong. The Green Card puts a positive spin on this system by introducing a card that recognises when someone has displayed a True Sport value (or just done something good). It's also different in that it can be used not just for players, but for spectators and coaches at your games.

Showing the card and identifying the person who has displayed one of the values, communicates to the audience what it looks like to set a good example and highlights positive behaviours – whether it's from a player, a coach on the sideline or a spectator in the crowd.

This system can be applied to weekly training sessions and games, regional or State competitions to encourage more people to reward appropriate behaviours and provide those who display these behaviours with positive support and recognition.

### Introducing the Green Card system in your club/association

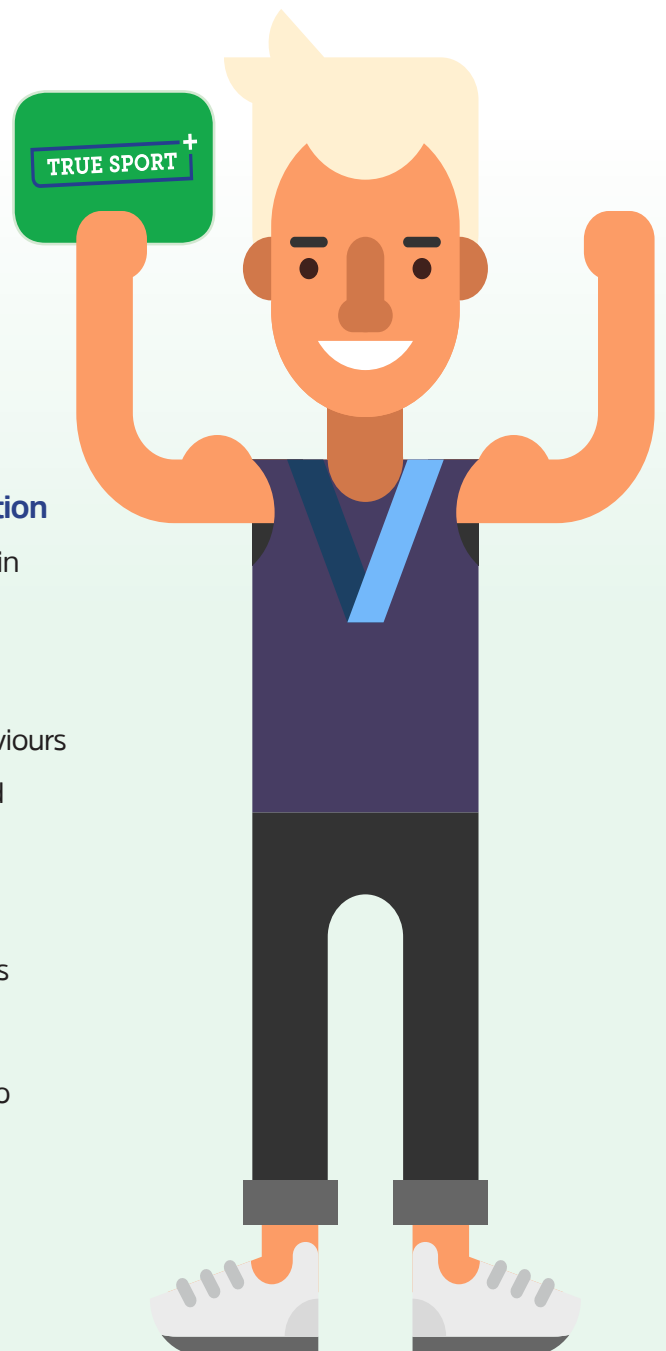
Identify whether this system would be feasible to achieve within your club or association. Consider some the advantages and resource requirements:

#### Advantages

- Highly visible strategy that clearly recognises positive behaviours
- Provides officials and others with a clear strategy to reward positive behaviour

#### Resources required

- Communication (facilitator/newsletter articles/social media posts) to inform all players, officials, coaches and spectators what the Green Card system is and what the eight positive values are that should be displayed
- Champion/coordinator to work with officials and referees to implement the system
- Small budget to create the Green Cards



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## Planning

Consider the following when planning to introduce the Green Card system to your club or association:

- What do your leaders, administrators and officials think of this idea?
- If you're a club, do you need to go through your State Sporting association to implement this idea?
- What else could you do to recognise and reward positive behaviours? Could you introduce a certificate or prize that gets given to the person receiving the card? Or simply write about them on social media/newsletters and share their story?
- Should you have a trial run of the system?
- How will you promote the initiative?
- Do you require any other support or expertise to organise the introduction of this system?
- Will you need to get volunteers or others involved?
- Will you need/do you have a budget to produce Green Cards and any posters or other marketing materials you might need? (Posters and templates are available on the True Sport website [www.truesport.com.au](http://www.truesport.com.au))

