

MEDIA STATEMENT

Australian online wagering providers to stamp out social media abuse

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Reports of AFL and NRL players and jockeys being abused on social media by angry punters has seen Australia's online sports wagering providers take firm steps to identify and block such offenders.

According to Brent Jackson CEO Responsible Wagering Australia – the peak-body for Australian-licensed wagering service providers – the behavior will not be tolerated.

“It is unacceptable that players have been the target of verbal abuse on social media by punters. Australia's online wagering providers take a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of harassment, bullying and abusive behaviour.

“Where we can identify individuals using our betting platforms that engage in any form of aggression or threatening behaviour towards sporting identities, we will move to ban them from our platforms.

“Player safety and sporting integrity is a priority, and Responsible Wagering Australia is committed to working with Australia's licensed sports wagering providers to address this issue with urgency. If you are responsible for acts of harassment online then we don't want you on our platforms and you will be removed immediately,” said Mr Jackson.

To access Responsible Wagering Australia's [anti-social behaviour policy click here](#).

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RWA is an independent peak-body for Australian-licensed WSPs. RWA Members include Australia's leading wagering service providers (bet365, Betfair, GVC Australia, Sportsbet and Unibet. RWA and its members are committed to ensuring that Australia has the best conducted, socially responsible, wagering industry in the world. A copy of RWA's Code of Conduct can be found [here](#).

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