

Roles and Responsibilities of Ground Officials

Each club is to supply at least one Ground Official per field. The Ground Official is always to be clearly visible, wearing the fluorescent vests supplied and located near the field of play.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Ground Officials are expected to ensure any altercations are resolved in a professional and objective manner.
- The Ground Official is not to consume alcohol 6 hours prior to or when on duty.
- Ground Officials agree to be bound by all rules and codes (see FFA Code of Conduct) and to carry out their duties to a high standard.
- Give warnings and enforce compliance of codes of conduct with participants, spectators, club officials and coaches.
- Evict persons displaying inappropriate behavior from venue if inappropriate behavior continues after warning.
- Notify police in the event of criminal conduct. The involvement of police at venues should be a decision of the club committee in consultation with the Ground Official. This should be done when:
 - It is believed that a person/s has committed a criminal act;
 - a person's behavior is uncontrollable, and they are a threat to other people
 - a person refuses to leave the ground after being requested to do so by club officials for breaches under the Code of Conduct
- Complete incident reports where necessary.

The responsibilities of the Ground Official for matches are:

Before Start of Play and Before Each Match:

- Make themselves known to the referee and team marshals for both teams.
- Identify the location of the ambulance access.

During the Match:

- Communicate with other ground officials and ensure they are visible and available should the Referee or team marshal require their services.
- If a player receives a Red Card, the Ground Official must escort them immediately from the field of play to the respective change room/neutral area.

- Give warnings and enforce compliance of Codes of Conduct to all spectators, club members, officials, off field players and bench personnel.
- Evict persons displaying inappropriate behavior or to seek assistance to evict persons.
- At half time – Ensure the safety of referees and be available to escort them off and onto the field.

After the Match

- Complete incident report forms where necessary detailing incident. Ensure statements contain exact language, actions, etc. to ensure appropriate action can be taken.
- Ensure the safety of referees and be available to escort them off the field to their change room.