Football
FAR NORTH COAST

GUIDE TO ASSIST CLUBS AND GROUND OFFICIALS

A person who acts in the role of a Ground Official **must** be;

- Aged at least 18 years;
- Registered in PlayFootball as a volunteer
- Recorded on the match sheet as the Ground Official
- Only acting in the role of a Ground Official (e.g. not also coaching or working in a canteen while acting in the role of Ground Official)
- Visible, vigilant, mobile, impartial and passive during the game
- Wearing an appropriate vest (e.g. labelled Ground Official, Duty Officer or Volunteer)
- Otherwise eligible (e.g. not subject to the terms of any suspension) and have appropriate traits and skills to act in the role

A person who acts in the role of a Ground Official is **encouraged** to;

- Provide support to Match Officials, including supporting their safety within the vicinity of the club fields and venue
- Work constructively with patrons and supporters (including from opposition clubs) to promote appropriate behaviour
- Be of assistance where it is reasonable to do so (e.g. sourcing a club referee or helping to facilitate ambulance access to a field)
- Report significant incidents to your CLUB

A person who is acting in the role of a Ground Official must **not** be;

- Consuming alcohol or be affected by alcohol or any illicit substance
- Smoking (or vaping)
- Acting in multiple roles while acting in the role of Ground Official (e.g. not also be coaching or working in a canteen)
- Acting in the role of a player or team official when being a nominated ground official
- Displaying vocal behaviour, including being perceived as being biased
- Occupying the Technical Area, except where you need to escort one of your members from the Technical Area

A **club** must;

- Appoint an appropriate adult as a Ground Official for each competition team for both HOME and AWAY fixtures
- Ensure that there is an appropriate number of Ground Officials to manage behaviour at home Coles MiniRoos fixtures.
- Encourage spectators to comply with the National Spectator Code of Behaviour
- Consider the support required for each Ground Official to ensure their well-being
- Consider the support required for each Match Official to ensure their well-being
- Report significant matters in writing to Football Far North Coast

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