

GROUND MARSHALS DUTIES ON GAME DAY

PRE-MATCH CHECKS



- Ground Marshal is an adult (Must be 18 years or older)
- Ground Marshals must wear a high visibility vest and be visible at all times
- High visibility vests can be obtained from your Team Manager (each TM is given two at the beginning of the season) or from the kiosk at Caulfield Park.
- There should be a Ground Marshal for each team on the field
- Safety checks. Ensure 4m clearance from pitch to dangerous objects such as trolleys, ladders, bikes, prams, etc.



SPEAK TO OPPOSITION TEAM

Introduce yourself to opposition team officials and be their point of contact with NCMFC.

Explain where the refs room, toilets, change rooms, etc are.



All supporters should stand outside the technical area that contains the players and team staff or if possible on the opposite side of the ground.

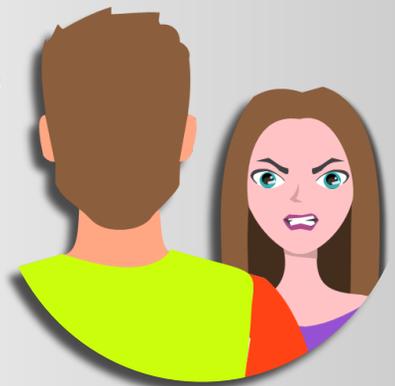


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Ground Marshal Duties

- If an official FFV referee is appointed to your game (U12 and up) the ground Marshal must escort the referee from the ref's room to the pitch. Also back in at half-time and again after the match. Without an official escort the FFV ref is within their rights to call the game off.
- Ensure all supporters stand outside the technical area that contains the players and team staff or if possible on the opposite side of the ground.
- Keep the exclusion zone (1.5m from side-line) clear of people (including coaches), bags, dogs, etc. *Only linesmen are allowed inside. And players during an interchange.*
- Keep the area between the technical areas clear. Only ground marshals allowed.
- When the spare ball is called for, send someone to retrieve the first ball and bring it back to the halfway mark. *If it happens a lot, appoint a player or two as ball retrievers.*
- Ensure that rubbish and lost property is cleared from the ground at the completion of the game.
- Control bad behaviour. Ask the offender calmly and respectfully to take it easy. If it continues ask that team's coach to fix it. If it is the coach, then ask their TM or ground marshal to help. If the situation escalates:
 - Get one or more of the parents to video it on their phone [important!]
 - Take care of the ref's safety
 - Withdraw the North Caulfield team from the match



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Control Bad Behaviour off the field

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CALM

Calm the situation down so that the game can continue uninterrupted

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REPORT

If the offenders will not desist then report the offenders and/or take photos/videos of them without putting yourself in harm's way

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REMOVE

If the offenders continue to cause trouble then call for on ground security to come and remove the offenders; in more serious cases the police may need to be called to intervene

What is the technical area in football?



A technical area in football is an area which the coach, other coaching personnel, and player substitutes are allowed to occupy during a match. The technical area includes the bench (players seating) and a marked zone adjacent to the playing field. Note that seating in the technical area is for players and staff only. Not for spectators.



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