



# Blacktown & Districts Soccer Football Association Incorporated

## Ground Official Guidelines

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to outline expected behaviour of the Ground Officials when attending BDSFA Matches.

### 2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all Ground Officials, Clubs, Members, Employees and Volunteers of the BDSFA

### 3. Jurisdiction

- 3.1. Be 18 years of age or older.
- 3.2. Be wearing an Orange vest that readily identifies them as a Ground Official.
- 3.3. Patrol all fields used throughout the relevant match and ensure they are located in positions where they are clearly visible to Participants and which are appropriate for monitoring on-field and off-field incidents and Spectator behaviour.
- 3.4. Make themselves clearly visible to the Match Officials prior to the commencement of a Match and ensure their names are displayed on the applicable team sheet.
- 3.5. Accompany Match Officials on and off the field of play if required or appropriate to do so.
- 3.6. Ensure that, at all times, their Spectators comply with the FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour (Code of Behaviour). If their Spectators are behaving contrary to the Code of Behaviour, a Ground Official must, if it is safe to do so, remind those Spectators of their obligations under the Code of Behaviour and issue any reasonable directions to those Spectators, including a direction to leave the venue. If those Spectators fail to comply with the Ground Official's reasonable directions, he/she should, contact the home Club Match Day Supervisor for further assistance. If required, the home Club Match Day Supervisor is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.
- 3.7. Be aware of the location of first aid facilities.
- 3.8. NOT be involved in other duties while acting as a Ground Official (not refereeing, coaching, managing, canteen duties etc).
- 3.9. NOT engage in any verbal or physical altercations.
- 3.10. NOT consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a Ground Official.



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- 3.11. NOT, unless it is safe to do so, approach opposition Spectators behaving inappropriately and must instead approach opposition Ground Officials to resolve any issues. If opposition Ground Officials are unwilling or unable to assist, and opposition Spectators continue to behave inappropriately, the Ground Official should, if necessary, contact the home Club Match Day Supervisor for further assistance. If required, the home Club Match Day Supervisor is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.
- 3.12. Within 48 hours of a Match, provide a written report to their club and BDSFA setting out any inappropriate Spectator behaviour, including any failure by a Spectator to comply with a Ground Official's reasonable direction and/or any failure by opposition Ground Officials to provide assistance in controlling opposition Spectators.
- 3.13. Maintain unbiased opinions/views when performing duties and behave appropriately in accordance with this document and as a representative of the Club.
- 3.14. Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of the BDSFA and football generally.

#### 4. References and Links

- 4.1 Resolving Conflict – Play by the Rules:

[https://play-by-the-rules.s3.amazonaws.com/Resources/R021\\_Resolving\\_conflict\\_steps\\_Ground\\_Marshall.pdf](https://play-by-the-rules.s3.amazonaws.com/Resources/R021_Resolving_conflict_steps_Ground_Marshall.pdf)