

Match Day Official Role Description

Role: Point of contact for visiting clubs and umpires, who can make decisions on behalf of the home club.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- The responsibilities of the Match Day Official are to ensure and to facilitate in the smooth running of all Home Ground Football Matches being played at the time of his/her appointment.
- This person will ensure that Ground Inspections have taken place, all debris has been removed and that the surface is in good condition. Should there be any concerns with the playing surface or immediate surroundings, the Match Day Official needs to ensure that this situation is rectified to the satisfaction of all team officials and umpires before the game commences.
- The Match Day Official needs to be aware of the storage position of the Competition Rules, Conference Policies and Club Rule book, so as to be able to give clear direction should there be a query regarding the laws of the game.
- The Match Day Official should be familiar with the Ground layout. In the case of two or more matches scheduled at the same oval at the same time, the Match Day Official will need to give direction to officials, participants, umpires and supporters, should they be asked.
- Match Day Official must be familiar with the playing times for each game and ensures the Timekeeper is aware.
- The Match Day Official should be the person who also will assist the First Aid Officer if a stretcher is needed or, in the extreme case, will call for an ambulance.
- It is the duty of the Match Day Official to ensure all umpires are:
 - ✓ greeted as soon as possible & shown where ground facilities are
 - ✓ provided water during and after the game
 - ✓ escorted safely from the grounds at half time and the end of the game
 - ✓ No verbal abuse or personal attacks are aimed at any umpire.
- Should any umpire have any problems with game day behaviour query or abuse from any Team Official, participant or sideline spectator, it is the Game Day Official's responsibility to handle the situation calmly and efficiently making every attempt to diffuse the situation.
- Be familiar with the playing times for each game and ensure the Timekeeper is aware.

Equipment:

- ✓ This person should be equipped with a High Visibility Yellow Fluro Vest with the description of "Match Day Official" clearly defined on the back. Is also required to wear Identification Tag.
- ✓ Ensure that the stretcher is available at the interchange bench
- ✓ First aid supplies & ice packs / bags are available