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## **Boroondara Eagles Football Club Ground Marshal Duties**

Referees have been directed not to start a game if a Ground Marshal (GM) is not present. Not having one can also result in your team having to forfeit the match.

### **General Requirements**

- Should praise and encourage all participants
- Should emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on any negative aspects
- Can be anyone from your team who isn't the Coach, Team Manager or player on the team sheet (including Substitutes).
- The GM must wear the orange fluoro vest (available from the canteen) and should introduce him/herself to the Referee and the opposing teams GM before the commencement of the match.
- The GM is required to sign the Sign-on Sheet at the completion of the Match as well.
- The GM is responsible for spectator and crowd control
- The GM's are responsible for rectifying any problems which are brought to their attention by the referee throughout the course of the Match
- Check the pitch is well marked and cones/flags are in correct places
- Assist referees with correcting nets if required
- Circulate around the allocated field/s to ensure visibility
- Position yourself in your assigned area and resume an 'active' observers role
- Spectators should be guided / encouraged to stand behind the 'parent line' or within the allocated viewing area with emphasis away from the Goal areas
- Ensure only registered Coaches / Managers / Substitutions whose names appear on the team sheet have taken up position within the Technical areas provided near half way
- Address unruly / unsportsmanlike behaviour and restore clam where required
- Report misconduct - including disputes, foul and abusive language by any persons at the ground.
- Secure unleashed dogs to minimise risk to the animal, players, officials and spectators

**The Ground Marshal's duties / responsibilities are to assist and contribute to the quality management of Junior Soccer on match days and provide a pro-active service to all visitors and members at Boroondara Eagles Club Matches.**

### **Competition Rules**

The Rules of Competition set out the following detail in Comp Rule 3.4 which is a reminder that you are an impartial Match Official assisting in the management of the game being played:-

#### **3.4. Ground Marshals**

- 3.4.1. Each Club must provide the number of marshals (Ground Marshals) directed by FFV.
- 3.4.2. Ground Marshals must:
- a. be at least 18 years old and provide the Match Official with their name;
  - b. be in a clearly identifiable uniform;
  - c. be visible from the Field of Play at all times;
  - d. escort the Match Official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the Competition Fixture, at half time and at full time; and
  - e. where required, assist the Match Officials(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all players, Club Officials and spectators.
- 3.4.3. Match Officials must not leave their dressing rooms to enter the Field of Play or return to their rooms from the Field of Play until the identifiable Ground Marshals are present.

**Table 3.4 – Minimum Number of Ground Marshals for all Competition Fixtures**

<b>League</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Ground Marshals</b>
MSL1, MSL2, MSL3	4 (2 per team)
MSL4 & MSL5	2 (1 per team)
Men's Metropolitan League and Metropolitan Masters League	2 (1 per team)
Women's State Leagues	2 (1 per team)
Junior competitions	2 (1 per team)
All other competitions	2 (1 per team)

- 3.4.4. FFV may vary the minimum Ground Marshal requirements for any Competition Fixture at any time.
- 3.4.5. Each home and away Club is required to provide 50% of the required Ground Marshals for each Competition Fixture, failure to do so may result in Misconduct under the GDT.

**Match Official's Code of Behaviour**

- (a) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- (b) Praise and encourage all participants;
- (c) Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- (d) Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents;

- (e) Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects;
- (f) Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members;
- (g) Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words;
- (h) Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing;
- (i) Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive;

### **Incident Reporting**

In the event of an incident at the game, please record the details and email it to your Team Manager in the first instance. Please add any supporting evidence.

If further action or assistance is required, please contact your relevant [Program Manager](#).