

Resources for clubs and associations

Sport and Recreation has other resources and services to help your club/association tackle harassment in sport.

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Sport Rage Prevention Kit for Clubs

Handy kit designed to help club committees put a stop to sport rage. Get your free copy at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportrage or phone 13 13 02.

Training workshops

We offer training courses on a range of topics for club committee members, coaches and officials

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/training

Phone 13 13 02 to arrange customised training in areas like member and child protection, conflict resolution, drugs in sport, mentoring and coaching.

Running Your Club

The sports clubs area of our website is packed with information to help you run your club.

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportsclubs



Free online information and training on harassment and abuse in sport, visit www.playbytherules.net.au

IN TRAINING

Coloured Vest Program

Help protect beginner officials from harassment



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Protecting officials from harassment and abuse is a high priority for sports clubs and associations.

The Coloured Vest Program is an easy way for your club or association to support officials and help reduce incidents.

By simply having your beginner officials wear a coloured vest, identifying them as 'in training', you'll help build a greater understanding among players, parents, spectators and coaches.

Coloured Vest Program

Three reasons to adopt the Coloured Vest Program (CVP)

- It can help REDUCE harassment and abuse of officials
- It's FREE to clubs/associations in NSW
- It's EASY and practical to implement

About the CVP

The CVP is based on a simple premise – if beginner officials are identified as in-training, they are less likely to be the target of harassment or abuse. People will be more tolerant of their mistakes.

Under the CVP, beginner officials wear a brightly coloured yellow vest. They are also mentored by a club member during their training to further assist them cope with harassment. Promotional materials including posters and cards

are displayed at the venue with the slogan 'I'm wearing yellow, so please don't see red!'

Any NSW sporting club/association with officials in-training can adopt the CVP. It's particularly suited to younger officials, aged 12-14 years.

Benefits for the beginner official

- Helps reduce abuse and harassment
- Increases confidence
- Improves ability to develop skills without pressure
- Increases motivation to remain an official.

Benefits for the club

- Better protection for officials
- Improved official retention
- Improved club culture and reputation.

Case Study

City of Orange Touch Association

2,000 players in junior and senior divisions

- Adopted the Coloured Vest Program to help control abuse of junior referees by players and parents
- Junior referees were given a briefing and asked to wear the yellow vests
- Players and spectators were informed of the initiative via signs and announcements over the PA.

Mandy Moore, President

"The response from coaches and parents was welcoming....it made everyone think twice before giving a ref any problems. Some of the kids felt empowered and protected wearing the vest. Some started to use it in our senior division too. Every sport has trouble getting and keeping refs, so anything we can do to help is most welcomed."

How the CVP works

The CVP is simple to adopt. Here's what your club needs to do to get it going:

- 1 Register for the CVP
- 2 Receive a CVP pack, including five vests, posters, lanyards and support material
- 3 Select mentors for your beginner officials to support them while in training
- 4 Tell officials, members and spectators about CVP
- 5 Have beginner officials wear vests while officiating
- 6 Monitor and evaluate the CVP.

Get started today

To start the Coloured Vest Program at your club/association, register for free via:

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/cvp