



Preparing ground officials

Sample information can be found on the kit CD



Ground officials play a vital role in effectively managing sport rage. Appoint ground officials for every game day to deal with incidents.

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What club committees can do

✓ Provide information packs

Clubs should provide ground officials with an information pack containing:

- A job description (use the job description to the right as a starting point)
- Club codes of conduct
- Club disciplinary procedures and penalties
- Club incident process
- Relevant information on enforcing rules on non-members.

✓ Provide distinctive clothing

Ensure your ground officials stand out on game day by providing them with something distinctive to wear.

✓ Organise training

Ground officials need the skills and confidence to deal with difficult situations. Have your ground official:

- attend harassment free sport training. Call 13 13 02 for details
- complete the free online training at www.playbytherules.net.au

✓ Establish a reporting system

Club committees should put in place an incident reporting system for ground officials to use. See a sample incident report overleaf.

Ground official:

A typical job description

- Thoroughly understand your club/association:
 - codes of conduct for parents, players, coaches and officials
 - processes for dealing with sport rage incidents
- Understand club/association disciplinary procedures and penalties
- Understand the degree to which club/association rules can be enforced on non-members (non-members are not necessarily bound by club rules)
- Be skilled and confident at resolving conflict and dealing with difficult people
- Support and uphold the principles of fair play
- Be visible at all times during game days
- Use a formal incident recording and reporting process.