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Ground Official Information

The basic duty of the ground official can be encapsulated in the following points;

- 1. Make yourself known to the **referee** before the start of each game.
- 2. Assist in ensuring that teams are ready to start games **on time.** (At the scheduled kick off time on the draw.
- Ensure that spectators do not encroach onto the playing field during the match and that their behaviour is in accordance with acceptable standards as provided for in the <u>FFA</u> <u>Spectators code of conduct</u>.
- 4. Ensure only the **active participants** in the game are situated inside the ropes/fenced/technical area.
 - The team manager and coach (two persons only as team officials) are wearing their
 CDSFA photo Identification card are inside the enclosed playing area. They are also to be wearing a 'Team Official' yelllow hi-vis vest.
 - b. Players who are not listed as participants on the team sheet (injured players) are not permitted inside the enclosed playing area.
- 5. Ensure the area behind the goals is clear of spectators.
- 6. Monitor the match to ensure no person enters the field of play, including coaches or managers until signalled by the referee.
- 7. Assist the Referee as may be requested at any time during of post the match

Incidents at RLWSC matches are rare but unfortunately we do experience one or two each season and sometimes these involve teams that we would have considered 'least likely', so it would be helpful if each GO is fully prepared.

Take a look at <u>these steps for conflict resolution</u> so you have some ideas on how to handle a potential 'tricky' situation.

If, for any reason, you have an incident please report in writing via the <u>Incident Report</u> and send to <u>the club president</u>

RLWSC has one extra request of GO's - that is to get the first match of the day on each field kicking off at 9am, so that other teams following don't end up with shortened matches!!

All the best & enjoy the match!