

RULE 30. GROUND CONTROL

- A. All teams participating in a competition match shall nominate one (1) person (who is a responsible adult) for additional Ground Control. This person is responsible for the behaviour of their own spectators and must cooperate with the Club Ground Controllers at all times and must wear an orange Ground Control jacket.

The name of each competing team Ground Controller must be printed on the bottom of the match sheet in the space provided as per Rule 12.J.

- B. Clubs should provide a clearly designated Ground Control area where match sheets can be obtained and returned and where the Ground Controller can be located.

The Association's chart showing competition and match information must be prominently displayed at this location together with a current copy of the local Rule Book.

Clubs will be advised prior to Round 1 of the grounds allocated to them for match day control and responsibilities. The responsibilities will include all duties listed in Rule 30 for all grounds allocated.

- C. Clubs shall provide referees for Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 MiniRoos games.

Ground Control is to ensure that all games start on time.

- D. Clubs shall appoint at least two (2) Ground Controllers to the Club's ground complexes, one (1) to be on duty in the vicinity of the Ground Control area and one (1) to provide control for each of the fields in use within the complex or reserve.

This arrangement will apply to all complexes where the Club has one (1) or more grounds allocated to it by the Association.

These persons must wear official orange Ground Control jackets at all times. Non-compliance with this rule will cause the Club concerned to be dealt with by the E.C.

Where both the home team and away team are playing on a ground which is not their respective Club's home ground, each team will be responsible to supply two (2) ground control persons for the duration of their game.

- E. A Club having responsibility of a ground shall for that ground:-

- (a) Ensure that each team supplies suitable footballs, properly inflated, for each Competition match.
- (b) Ensure that match sheets are available for competition matches.
- (c) Take note of all injuries reported or observed and ensure that the 'Accident Report' form has been completed accordingly.
- (d) Ensure the playing field for full size competition matches is fit for play (with

due regard to wet weather), and properly marked with easily visible and appropriate coloured paint or other approved line marking material.

- (e) Ensure that nets and flags are in position, and for ground control purposes, the fields are either roped or are marked with paint at least 1 metre (where possible) from the sideline. Where paint is used, it is to be of a different colour to that which has been used to mark the fields.
- (f) Ensure that no bicycles, vehicles or any hazards are so close to the sidelines that they endanger players on the field.
- (g) Ensure that spectators do not encroach onto the playing field during matches, especially keeping the area around and behind the goalposts clear of spectators.
- (h) Ensure that all matches start on time with particular regard to the rule dealing with same.
- (i) For non-recording of team names on match sheet a fine, as set by the E.C. prior to the season, will be imposed on Ground Control and the offending team.
- (j) The referee is always responsible for the conduct on the field of play, but in all other matters pertaining to the ground, the Club should ensure that no conduct is permitted which would prove prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- (k) Ensure that NOBODY enters the field of play, including managers and coaches (e.g. to assist an injured player) until signalled to do so by the referee.
- (l) Ensure that teams are not coached by persons situated behind the goal line.

F. Ground Appointed Referees (Also refer to By-Law B)

- (a) The Club Ground Controller is responsible for the appointment of a Ground Control Appointed Referee if an official appointed referee is not available or is not present at the scheduled time for the match to commence.
- (b) Referees must be appointed with due regard given to age, experience and ability.
- (c) Where an official referee is not present the words “Club Appointment” and the name of the referee must be printed in the appropriate space on the match sheet.
- (d) If there is no person willing to referee the scheduled match then the match will be taken as a forfeit by both teams with the normal forfeit conditions to apply.