

ALBANY CREEK EXCELSIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Ground Officials

It is the responsibility of the home club to provide at least one ground official, per field, who must be in clearly identifiable uniform and must identify themselves to the appointed match official at least 15 minutes prior to the match.

Ground officials are to be visible at all times and must be designated to provide an escort to all match officials before kick-off, at half time and full time.

A ground official cannot be the coach or manager whose game is in progress on the park, nor can the ground official be the canteen supervisor.

The ground official should:

Before the Match

- Check the referees' room and make sure it is clean and comfortable.
- Upon arrival of the referees, make known to them that you are the ground official in case they need assistance.
- If an official referee is not present, ensure that a referee is arranged either by the club or by consent of the two teams playing.
- Ensure payment of referee fees before the commencement of the game.
- Ensure that appropriate match balls are available for referee.
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees to the field of play.

During the Match

- Ensure that the spectators' behaviour is orderly and is not abusive to the referee or his assistants, players or other spectators.
- Direct and assist any ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person. Key for ambulance access is on the ground official/ref room chain
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees to and from the field of play at the half-time break.
- Be of assistance wherever possible.

After the Match

- Ensure the referees' safety at all times.
- Ensure that both teams leave the grounds in a proper and orderly manner.
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees from the field of play.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU GIVE THE REF ROOM KEY TO THE NEXT GROUND OFFICIAL