



JACKETED OFFICIALS - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOOTBALL NSW TOURNAMENTS & CUPS

All Clubs and Teams participating in a Match sanctioned by Football NSW (**FNSW**) must provide a minimum of two (2) people to act in the role of "Jacketed Official". Failure to provide the required number of Jacketed Officials within 15 minutes of the nominated kick-off time will result in the offending Club/Team being fined \$50 per Match and any other sanction deemed applicable by FNSW.

Jacketed Officials must:

- (a) be 18 years of age or older;
- (b) wear clothing that readily identifies them as a Jacketed Official (such as a coloured vest);
- (c) patrol all fields (or courts) used throughout the relevant match(s) and ensure they are located in positions where they are clearly visible to Participants and which are appropriate for monitoring on-field and off-field incidents and Spectator behaviour;
- (d) make themselves clearly visible to the Match Officials prior to the commencement of a Match and ensure their names are displayed on the applicable team sheet;
- (e) accompany Match Officials on and off the field of play (or court) if required or appropriate to do so;
- (f) ensure that, at all times, their Spectators comply with the [FA Spectator Code of Behaviour](#) (**Code of Behaviour**). If their Spectators are behaving contrary to the Code of Behaviour, a Jacketed Official must, if it is safe to do so, remind those Spectators of their obligations under the Code of Behaviour and issue any reasonable directions to those Spectators, including a direction to leave the venue. If those Spectators fail to comply with the Jacket Official's reasonable directions, he/she should, contact the home Club representative for further assistance. If required, the home Club official representative is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support;
- (g) be aware of the location of first aid facilities and stretcher if they are not situated in the technical area;
- (h) ensure that the area between both technical areas is clear, allowing only Jacketed Officials to enter this area;
- (i) NOT be involved in other duties while acting as a Jacketed Official (not refereeing, coaching, managing, canteen duties etc);
- (j) not engage in any verbal or physical altercations;
- (k) not consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a Jacketed Official;
- (l) NOT, unless it is safe to do so, approach opposition Spectators behaving inappropriately and must instead approach opposition Jacketed Officials to resolve any issues. If opposition Jacketed Officials are unwilling or unable to assist, and opposition Spectators continue to behave inappropriately, the Jacketed Official should, if necessary, contact the home Club representative for further assistance. If required, the home Club official representative is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support;
- (m) within 48 hours of a Match, provide a written report to FNSW setting out any inappropriate Spectator behaviour, including any failure by a Spectator to comply with a Jacketed Official's reasonable direction and/or any failure by opposition Jacketed Officials to provide assistance in controlling opposition Spectators;
- (n) submit incident reports via the prescribed form (16) available [here](#) or on the [FNSW website](#) (Resources/Forms);
- (o) maintain unbiased opinions/views when performing duties and behave appropriately in accordance with this document and as a representative of the Club; and
- (p) conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FNSW and football generally.

Clubs, Teams and Jacketed Officials that fail to comply with these Roles and Responsibilities may be fined by FNSW or dealt with in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.