

ROLE AND DUTIES OF THE GROUND MARSHALL

- A Ground Marshall must be present at all CCRU games. No Ground Marshall, no game. Referees will be instructed to sight the Ground Marshall prior to the commencement of each game.
- The Ground Marshall for the first match of the day at a particular venue must ensure the CCRU 'sportsground checklist' form is completed and signed off before the commencement of the first match. He must check with club officials that this form has been completed. This form should be filed away with club records.
- For the duration of the allocated game your sole responsibility is being the Ground Marshall.
- Ensure before each game:
 - a. Crowd Control rope is in place;
 - b. Team Zones are marked out;
 - c. 'Conditions of Entry' signage is visible.
 - d. Ground is suitably set up and marked, goal post pads, corner posts, in goal markers, half way and 22 metre markers;
- e. sight that a stretcher is readily accessible prior to any match commencing.
- The Ground Marshall vest must be worn as an outer garment at all times. This vest has been provided by the CCRU and must be worn. The Ground Marshall must be visible and accessible on the sideline for all matches. The Ground Marshall must identify themselves to both the Match Referee and the opposing club's Ground Marshall prior to the commencement of each game.
- The Ground Marshall is not to act as a touch judge during any game.
- Clubs will be fined 4 penalty points for each occasion there is no Ground Marshall provided.
- The visiting club must also provide a Ground Marshall. This nominated official will assist the home team Ground Marshall in duties associated with their own club.
- Must have, or have immediate access to, a telephone/mobile phone.

- Ensure Assistant Referee's (2) are available to run the line. If A.T.'s not provided by Referees, Ground Marshall is to seek assistance from home and visiting clubs to provide an Assistant Referee.
- Ground Marshall to understand the serious injury protocol. Have telephone numbers available to contact ambulance and ARU. In the event of serious injury the Ground Marshall will report the incident to the home club officials who will follow the ARU protocol for serious injury. Ground Marshall is to sight that a stretcher is readily accessible prior to any match commencing.
- The Ground Marshall is to keep everyone except the Referee and any authorised additional persons behind the ropes, including Coaches/Managers and Reserves. Sin-binned players must leave the field of play and must remain under the direct control of the Ground Marshall for the full 10 minutes. Reserves only to enter field of play after reporting to Assistant Referee, and Referee signals permission.
- Ground Marshall must not consume alcohol while performing Ground Marshall duties. Alcohol must not be consumed in glass or bottles (on council grounds). This is a council and police requirement. Alcohol is sold at grounds in suitable packaging. Anyone breaching this policy will be asked to remove these items from the ground.
- Ensure crowd and officials maintain Codes of Conduct by identifying and dealing with any breaches.
- The Ground Marshall is to monitor crowd/supporter behaviour. If there is constant abuse towards Referees/Assistant Referees/Officials/Players, the Ground Marshall will call on the home club for assistance. Offending persons should be warned to control behaviour or leave the ground. The police should be called if the Ground Marshall/Officials cannot control the situation. If confronted, the Ground Marshall should not place themselves at risk.
- Manage the behaviour of participants within the team zone.
- The Ground Marshall shall ensure that any Ball Boys inside the playing enclosure are duly appointed and fully attend to their duties, without distraction and/or impediment to the Assistant Referees.
- During the match the Ground Marshall should also identify that only (3) team runners are permitted to enter the field of play. Any breach should be reported to offending club.
- Surveillance of the venue for the duration of the match. This includes, at a minimum, meeting the other club's Ground Marshal and completing two laps of the playing enclosure at the following intervals:
 - I. 10 mins into the 1st half
 - II. 10 mins into the 2nd half

- The Ground Marshall is to ensure the CCRU ten minute cooling off period post game before Coaches/Players and Officials may approach the referee is respected.
- Shake hands with match officials and the other club's Ground Marshal at the conclusion of the game

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