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Role of a Match Steward

RULES

As per the VCFA Match Rules (MR 4.9), a Match Steward must be provided by both the home and away team and must present at every Junior and Senior match played in the VCFA competitions.

The Match Steward must be a minimum of 18 years of age for all Junior and Senior matches.

The Match Steward must be wearing the VCFA Match Steward vest and be located between the home and away technical areas for the duration of the match unless carrying out their duties (outlined below).

The Match Steward must identify themselves to the referee at the commencement of the game and the name of the Match Steward is to be recorded on Dribl.

All spectators, substitute players, coaches and club officials should follow the directions of a Match Steward when he/she acts in accordance with his/her duties.

Any indiscretions can be reported by the Match Steward to the Referee or through their club management.

ROLE

A Match Steward, wearing the Association vest shall have the authority to ensure that the VCFA Match Rules are adhered to. The duties of a Match Steward include, but are not limited to:

- ensuring that only substitute players, coaches and club officials of each team are allowed inside their own Technical Area.
- ensuring that spectators do not enter the 1 metre passageway.
- ensuring spectators or any other people (including players warming up) are not positioned behind the goal and goal lines during the game.
- assisting the Referee should any communication be required with spectators.
- ensuring that standards of behaviour are adhered to as per Match Rule 11
- ensuring any player or official sent off the field by the referee immediately leaves the playing area and retreats to the changing room or their vehicle or at least 50 meters from the ground.
- ensuring no spectator is consuming alcohol.
- observing any inappropriate behaviour by anyone toward the match officials and ensuring match officials are protected from unruly spectators or players and officials.
- removing any persons not observing VCFA standards of behaviour from the ground, if deemed necessary.
- to appear before the Judicial Tribunal or other constituted VCFA body as a witness to any incident taking place in or around the match.