



Ground Official Responsibilities

(a) Before the Match the Ground Official

- Check the Referee's room and make sure it is clean and comfortable.
- Upon arrival of the Referee's, make known to them that you are the Ground Official in case they need assistance a minimum of 15 minutes prior to kick off.
- 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.
- Check with the equipment officer that an alternate strip is available if required.
- Ensure that three (3) appropriate match balls are available for the Referee.
- Lock/Unlock the Referee's room as required or provide the Referee with keys.
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referee's to the field of play.

(b) During the Match Ground Officials

- Ground Official to carry out rounds of whole of ground and address any inappropriate behaviour, refer to Code of Conduct.
- Ensure that the spectator's behaviour is orderly and is not abusive to the Referee or his assistants, players, or other spectators, refer to Code of Conduct.
- Seek the assistance of the opposition Ground Official to ensure their patrons observe the standard of behaviour required at the venue, refer to Code of Conduct.
- Evict persons displaying inappropriate behaviour and if necessary, communicate your authority under Section 277 of the Criminal Code – Defence of Premises against trespass – removal of disorderly persons.
- Remain near the area agreed to with the match Referee as they may be called upon by the Referee to deal with any issues affecting the game in process on the field.
- Direct and assist any ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person.
- The Ground Official must, at the half time break, meet the Referee and his/her assistants on the field at a designated area as agreed with the Referee prior to the game.
- Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees from the field of play
- Be of assistance wherever possible