

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INITIATIVE

Title: Club Match Day Officials

Background: Soccer Canberra identified a need for clubs to appoint a match day official to oversee the smooth running of senior league matches and to manage any issues that arise on match days.

Purpose: To effectively manage the smooth running of senior league matches.

Description: For several years, Soccer Canberra has required that each member club appoint a match day official, who wears an orange 'Soccer Canberra Match Official' vest. The official's duties include ensuring the referee's safety while he/she is at the venue, ensuring adequate safety for players and spectators, dealing with any crowd disturbances, escorting sent-off players from the ground and ensuring they don't get involved in incidents after they are sent from the field, and other duties as directed by the referee.

Outcomes: Match day officials often manage to deal with minor issues before they get out of hand, resulting in fewer incidents.

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