



GROUND MANAGER PROTOCOL

BEFORE THE GAME STARTS:

- 1/ Ground Manager is to introduce himself to the referee. Ground Manager to be easily identified (Fluoro vest or similar).
- 2/ Ground Manager is to sign both team sheets (anywhere possible, will fix up with new books next year)
- 3/ Ensure fields are safe to play on and if needed properly roped off. We highly recommend spectator boundaries with ropes/markers at all grounds.
- 4/ If a Ground Manager cannot be found by the home team within 10 minutes of the schedule start time the referee will call the game a forfeit and the away team will be deemed the winner.
- 5/ The Ground Manager should have a thorough understanding of the Code of Conduct (see NSWJRU document).

DURING GAME:

If referee has reason to speak to anyone, they are to speak directly with the Ground Manager. The Ground Manager is to then inform the team manager (of the offending person/s) and together they are to approach the offending person/s. They are to warn the person/s about their behaviour and inform them that if they have reason to speak to them or anyone from the same crowd again, **the game will be called off and their team will be deemed to have forfeited the game regardless of the current score.**

One warning, second time for the same team means the game is called off.

THE REFEREE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CALL OFF THE GAME

It is up to the clubs to inform their parents, supporters, coaches, managers, players and anyone else that may attend the game of these procedures.