



Match Official Notes

Blackburn Newhope FC Match Official Duties

Unite, Commit, Enjoy

Children play for Fun and Enjoyment

Parents, coaches, managers and officials all play a vital role in the development of our club and the lives of players. Our club is committed to Christian principles and values. We must all work to ensure that everyone has a positive experience that will last long after they leave the club.

A Match Official is provided by the home team and must wear a VCFA Match Official Yellow vest – you'll find some in club rooms.

A Match Official's primary role is:

- ⚽ Ensure safety of referee, players and spectators.
- ⚽ Do not tolerate inappropriate language including swearing, intimidating and racist remarks, blasphemy or behaviour from players, coaches and officials.
- ⚽ No consumption of alcohol or smoking at the grounds
- ⚽ Keep all spectators and coaches BEHIND the spectator line
- ⚽ Call an ambulance in the case of a serious injury to a player
- ⚽ Escort a player receiving a red card away from the pitch.

Powers of Match Official

- ⚽ May give warnings or in severe cases, ask player, spectators to leave the venue.
- ⚽ If misbehaviour continues a match may be abandoned
- ⚽ Coaches who swear, blaspheme or use foul language/gestures, can be asked to leave without warning.
- ⚽ A report will need to be prepared in severe cases

Notes to keep in mind

- ⚽ Use your discretion, give warnings where appropriate, you there are to calm a situation not to make it worse.
- ⚽ If the situation demands it, you need to act
- ⚽ Backup the referee and give most consideration to the safety of everyone