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10.4 MARSHALS

- a. At all matches, there shall be a minimum of two marshals, one marshal from each team, wearing an appropriate vest as purchased from the Association.
- b. The marshals shall introduce themselves to the referee before the commencement of the game.
- c. Marshals' duties shall be to ensure that spectators, coaches and managers do not encroach the sidelines, or the pitch, and see that good order is maintained.
- d. Should any incidents arise out of a match that are for consideration by the Board, each marshal shall complete a written report into such incidents for the Board. The report shall be submitted on [Prescribed Form 20](#) (Incident Report lodged by a Team Official or Spectator) in accordance with instructions contained in the form. Forms are available from the association website Library.
- e. The marshals shall appear at any inquiry as neutral witnesses, if required.
- f. All marshals shall have obtained the age of 18 years of age.
- g. Marshals from both teams shall record their name, and sign the paper team sheet, or have the team manager enter their first and last name on the Electronic Match Sheet indicating they were in attendance for the game.
- h. Where a game is played on a neutral field, it is the responsibility of each visiting team to supply their own marshal for their game.
- i. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager, or in their absence, the team Coach to appoint the Marshal for their match and to ensure that the Marshal is aware of their responsibilities in accordance with these regulations.
- j. In matches where a team/s does not have any spectators available to act in the role of marshal, they should approach the home club officials to act in the role/s for the team, or both teams if necessary. If this is not possible, then no marshal should be recorded on the team sheet.
- k. Referees have been instructed not to officiate at matches where no marshal is present at all. If the referee elects not to proceed, the match will be recorded as not played. The match will not be rescheduled, no points will be awarded, and both teams will be responsible for the referee's fees.



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10.5 GROUND OFFICIALS

- a. All clubs hosting matches at their fields should have a Ground Official assigned.
- b. In instances where a team is playing at a neutral field, the visiting team is not required to provide an official unless they have multiple matches assigned at a neutral venue (such as when their field is closed, and their games are moved in their entirety to another venue).
- c. A person assigned the responsibility of ground official should ensure that they introduce themselves to marshals of all teams and any match officials appointed to the ground.
- d. A ground official should advise the match official as to where he will be located whilst the match is being played. (This should be within line of sight of the referee and not in the club canteen or away from the playing area)
- e. Ground Officials duties shall be to:
 - i. Assist the referee as required.
 - ii. Ensure that team Marshals are aware of their responsibilities, and if they are not, outline to them what their duties are.
 - iii. Where necessary, assist Team Marshals to ensure that spectators, team officials or reserve players do not encroach onto the pitch.
 - iv. Ensure that good order amongst spectators is maintained.
 - v. Ensure that alcohol is not consumed in the immediate vicinity of the playing area and that the local by-laws relating to the consumption of alcohol are upheld.
 - vi. Sign the team sheet (if a paper team sheet is used) in the space provided to acknowledge their presence at the fixture in case the association needs to contact you.
- f. If EMS are in use, the club should keep a register of who the Ground Officials are, recording date and time of duty, should they need to be recalled later.
- g. A ground official has the right and responsibility to ask any abusive person to leave the area of play.
- h. If any action should be taken against their club member or report to the opposition club, details regarding the action that was taken against their club member/s should be provided by the Ground Official.
- i. Should any incident arise out of a match that is for consideration by the Association, the ground official shall complete a written eyewitness report. The report should be submitted to the club for forwarding to the association.
- j. A Ground Official shall be prepared to appear at any association inquiry formed to deal with specific incidents where the ground official was in attendance.
- k. While it's not necessary that a Ground Official is fully conversant with Association Regulations or the Laws of the Game, it is advisable that they have access to a copy of the Association Regulations and access to a phone to contact the Association should an emergency arise.
- l. All Ground Officials shall have obtained the age of 18 years of age.
- m. Ground Officials will be required to wear a vest, as made available by the NFA with the NFA logo and markings.
- n. Penalties may be imposed by the NFA Board for breaches of this regulation.