



VISITING DUTY OFFICIAL

The Visiting Club Duty Official is to support the Host Club Officials in the management and control of spectators and supporters from visiting clubs. Each visiting team is to provide an adult to act as the Visiting Club Duty Official for the duration of their team's match. The Visiting Duty Official is directly responsible to the Host Club Duty Official.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Due consideration must be given to selecting the right person to undertake this role. It is recommended that the Team Manager if suitable, act in this role as they will be known to the majority of visiting team parents and supporters.
- A Visiting Club Duty Official has no authority over host club officials.
- The Visiting Club Duty Official should introduce themselves to the host club officials to establish communication and visual recognition.
- Visiting Club Duty Officials are to take reasonable measures to ensure the rules and regulations of the NRL Codes of Conduct are enforced as they relate to the code of behaviour.
- A Visiting Club Duty Official should set a reasonable standard of dress, a high standard of behaviour and conduct. They must wear the approved vest to clearly identify them as the Visiting Team Duty Official.
- A Visiting Team Duty Official must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol whilst on duty.

During the game, the Visiting Club Duty Official is required to:

- Act as the point of contact between host club officials and visiting team supporters.
- Be pro-active and take all reasonable non-confrontational steps to ensure visiting team supporters abide by the code of behaviour and if necessary ask an offender to leave the ground.
- Avoid confrontational language and never physically touch or restrain an offender. As a duty official you are not a trained security guard so if in doubt call for professional help.
- A Visiting Club Duty Official is not required to escort a player sinbinned or sent from field of play, this remains responsibility of the Host Club Duty Official. If no visiting Team Duty Official is supplied the game will not commence. Time clock will be started.

Ideally a Visiting Duty Official is someone who:

- Has strong interpersonal and oral communication skills including the ability to effectively liaise with players, coaches, spectators and supporters.
 - Has a sound knowledge of the rules and regulations of the competition.
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