



# HOME DUTY OFFICIAL

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

## Roles, Rules and Responsibilities:

- 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 Home Club Duty Official has authority over Visiting Club Duty officials.
- The Home Club Duty Official should introduce themselves to the visiting club officials to establish communication and visual recognition.
- Home 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. No spectators or children or photographers are allowed inside the fenced or roped areas of the Field of Play.
- A Home Club Duty Official should set a reasonable standard of dress, a high standard of behaviour and conduct. They must wear the Duty Official vest to clearly identify them.
- A Home Team Duty Official must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol whilst on duty. Duty officials are to supervise that all alcohol is consumed in the designated area only.

## During the game, the Home Club Duty Official is required to:

- Act as the point of contact between visiting club officials and team supporters.
- Be pro-active and take all reasonable non-confrontational steps to ensure our members and 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.
- A Home Club Duty Official is required to escort a player sinbinned or sent from field of play to the dressing room. The player is not to leave the dressing room in his Club playing uniform. This time does not include any time outs or half-time breaks. At the completion of time, they are to advise the player to report to the Touch Judge/Referee before entering the field of play.
- At half time and full time, escort the Referee/Touch Judges to/from the dressing rooms if requested by the referee assist the Referee in any way or manner as he/she desires.
- Report on any breach of the above matters. Breaches are to be entered in the appropriate section of the match report or games sheet (Note: The Duty Official is to print his name and sign any such report).

## Ideally a Home 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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