South Australian Amateur Soccer League Inc.

Club Marshall and Ground Steward
Roles and Responsibilities

All Clubs and Teams that participate in SAASL competitions must provide Club Marshalls and Ground Stewards.

Club Marshalls and Ground Stewards are deemed as Club Officials and are bound by the Rules and Policies as set by the League from time to time.

The roles of the Club Marshalls and Ground Stewards are to monitor the behaviour of their own club's Players, Officials and Spectators and to assist the Match Officials.

1. Number of Club Marshalls and Ground Stewards Required

The numbers of Club Marshalls and Ground Stewards that are required for fixtures are as follows:

1.1. Senior fixtures - a minimum of 3 persons, with one to be nominated as the Club Marshall, and the other two as Ground Stewards.

1.2. Reserve fixtures, C Teams, Over 35's and Single Teams – one (1) Club Marshall is required.

The League may at any time impose additional Club Marshall/ Ground Steward conditions on any Club or Division.

2. Requirements of the Club, Ground Stewards and Club Marshalls

2.1. The Club must appoint the required number of people to act in the roles of Club Marshall and Ground Steward. The names of the Club Marshall and Ground Steward/s must be listed on the match sheet prior to the commencement of each game.

2.2. A person acting in the role of a Club Marshall or Ground Steward must wear the appropriate vest and the Club Official identification as supplied by SAASL, at all times while undertaking the role.

2.3. A person acting in the role of Club Marshall or Ground Steward must comply with the SAASL Code of Conduct, the Competition Rules and encourage others to do the same.

2.4. Club Marshall and/or Ground Stewards are required to -

2.4.1. Act respectfully towards all Match Officials, Players Club & Team Officials of both the home and away Clubs.

2.4.2. Accept and respect the decisions of the Match Officials and encourage others to do the same.

2.4.3. Be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when preforming their role as a Club Marshall and/or Ground Steward

2.5. Club Marshalls and Ground Stewards must be 18 years of age or over.

3. Role of the Club Marshall

3.1. The Club Marshall from each team is responsible for ensuring that only the substitutes and nominated Club Officials are present in their team's technical area.

3.2. The Club Marshall is to accompany the Match Officials onto the field of play prior to the game commencing, at half time. Once the whistle has been blown for half-time and full-time, the Club Marshall is to enter the field of play and accompany the Match Officials off the field.

3.3. The Club Marshall's role does not conclude until the Match Official has entered the changerooms, and/or if requested to escort the Match Official to their vehicle.

3.4. The Club Marshall is to follow the directions of the Match Officials.

4. Responsibilities of Club Marshall

4.1. Prior to the commencement of the game, the Club Marshalls are to introduce themselves to the Match Officials and the Match Officials will provide further direction.

4.2. The Club Marshall is to ensure that people from their Club in the technical area are abiding by the SAASL Code of Conduct before, during, and at the end of the match, or as directed by the Match Official.

4.3. While acting in the role of Club Marshall, the person is not a spectator and consequently should not question the decisions of the Match Officials.

4.4. A Club Marshall is not to approach opposition bench substitutes or Club Officials regarding their behaviour. This should be undertaken by the opposing team's Club Marshall.

4.5. A Club Marshall must not at any time engage or become involved in any verbal or physical altercations and must attempt to de-escalate any occurrences of this nature.

4.6. While acting in the role of a Club Marshall, the person is not to consume alcohol or smoke (including vaping).

4.7. If a person is appointed as a Club Marshall for a match, this is the only role that they are to undertake the during that match.

4.8. A Club Marshall is not to enter the field of play during the match unless directed to do so by the Match Official, or where there are exceptional circumstances such as a threat or an assault on a Match Official.

5. Role of the Ground Steward

5.1. The Ground Stewards are to be positioned in the areas where their own Club Spectators are located and ensure that the Spectators' conduct is in accordance with the SAASL Code of Conduct.

5.2. The Ground Stewards are to follow the direction of the Match Officials.

5.3. The Ground Stewards are to continue in their role until the Match Officials have left the field of play and are inside the changing rooms at the conclusion of the match.

6. Responsibilities of Ground Steward

6.1. Prior to the commencement of the game, the Ground Stewards are to introduce themselves to the Match Officials and the Match Officials will provide further direction.

6.2. If the venue is fenced, the Ground Stewards are to be positioned inside of the fence in the area where their own Spectators are located, or as directed by the Match Official.

6.3. While acting in the role of Ground Steward, the person is not a Spectator and consequently should not question the decisions of the Match Officials.

6.4. A Ground Steward is not to approach opposition supporters or Club Officials regarding their behaviour. This should be undertaken by the opposing team's Ground Steward/s.

6.5. In the event that a Spectator is neutral and does not align themselves with or support either team participating, then the Ground Steward/s from the home team will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the SAASL Code of Conduct in relation to these Spectators. If there are incidences that are not addressed by the relevant Ground Steward/s of a club, these should be reported to SAASL.

6.6. A Ground Steward must not at any time engage or become involved in any verbal or physical altercation, and must attempt to de-escalate any occurrences of this nature.

6.7. All Ground Stewards are responsible for Spectators that align themselves with or support their team. Ground Stewards must not engage or become involved with the Spectators who align themselves with or support the opposition team.

6.8. While acting in the role of Ground Steward, the person is not to consume alcohol or smoke (including vaping).

6.9. If a person is appointed as a Ground Steward for a match, this is the only role that they are to undertake on for that match.

6.10. A Ground Steward is not to enter the field of play during the match unless directed to do so by the Match Official, or where there are exceptional circumstances such as a threat or an assault on a Match Official.

7. Reporting of Incidents

7.1. If a Club Marshall and/or Ground Steward encounters any issues or concerns, they are required to complete the *Ground Steward Incident Report Form* and provide it to their Club.

7.2. The Club will submit the completed form to the League by no later than the day following the completion of the match.

7.3. The Competition Disciplinary Committee will consider any report and action accordingly.

7.4. The League may at any time require the Club Marshall and/or the Ground Stewards to provide additional statements and/or attend a hearing of the SAASL Disciplinary Committee in relation to any incidents.

8. Breach of Rules and/or Misconduct

8.1. Club Marshalls and Ground Stewards are subject to the SAASL Disciplinary and Appeal Rules for any breach of the Rules or SAASL Code of Conduct.