

GAME OFFICIALS

DDJFL Rules & Guidelines

People allowed inside the fence / white line

Please note that the only people permitted within the fenced or boundary marked area and in the marked coaches area are:

All interchange players, Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, Runner, One trainer, Club President & Club Secretary, all other trainers / water carriers must be spread around the ground. Everyone else must remain outside the marked areas whilst the game is in progress.

Field Umpires

The Dandenong & District Junior Football League will supply all field Umpires for U10' to U16's.

Under 9 games do not have an appointed umpire due to staffing levels; clubs will provide a Home Grown Umpire. Each team is to supply an umpire who will be responsible for controlling half the ground, it is hoped that this method will make the task less daunting and eliminate the perception of favouritism.

The team captains are permitted to speak to the umpires providing communication is reasonable and confined to seeking clarification or interpretation of a rule or in an emergency. A Team Manager may approach the umpire at the conclusion of the playing quarters; they must however be accompanied by the opposing Team Manager and only to seek an interpretation.

Two umpire system to operate in the Under 14 and above age groups; the two umpire system will also operate for the Under 13 age group during finals.

Boundary Umpire

All boundary umpires must be competent in their duties.

If a club is unable to supply a boundary umpire the club shall be directed by the field umpire to have a player throw the ball in when it goes out of bounds.

Club supplied umpires can call centre square infringements but are not permitted to barrack or comment on play.

Dress:

It is preferred that club supplied boundary umpires are dressed appropriately with white shorts & white T-shirt.

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Goal Umpire

A goal umpire shall be at least 16 years of age.

Dress:

White coat and flags (compulsory)

Duties

Before the match, check that game details are correctly entered on the scorecard.

Wait for the field umpire to give the all clear before giving a decision. If the field umpire believes the score is a behind he/she will raise one hand near their mouth and say "all clear". If the umpire believes it is a goal he/she will raise two hands.

Both goal umpires must wave the flags after each score and record the score on the scorecard.

Scorecards should be checked with the other goal umpire at the end of each quarter.

Umpires must change ends at the half time break.

Club supplied umpires are not to barrack or comment on play.

The Field umpire may override the decision given by the club goal umpire.

Runner

Dress

Approved red top with Club Identification

Duties

To relay messages from the coach to the players.

Runners must not assume the role of the coach and should not remain on the ground for any other purpose than to deliver a message and return to the coach's box. The umpire may ask the runner to leave the ground if it is felt the runner is not carrying out his designated role.

If a player is reported or sent from the ground the runner should go directly to the umpire who will inform them of the penalty and reason. The Runner is not to enter into discussion with the umpire and must go directly to the Timekeepers and inform them of the player's name, number, penalty & offence.

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Trainers & Water Carriers

Dress

Accredited Trainer: Approved green top with Club Identification plus Trainer's armband.

Water Carrier: Approved green top with Club Identification only.

Duties - Accredited Trainer:

Attend to injuries

The trainers should ensure that a stretcher is located near the coach's box/area and that it is in a serviceable condition.

Trainers should make an inspection of the playing surface and bring any player safety issues to the attention of the Coach & Team Manager for further notification to the home club officials at the ground.

It is recommended that the phone numbers of each player's parent or guardian are available and that any relevant medical condition of players is known.

Duties – Water Carrier

To provide water to players for hydration.

The trainer or Water Carrier must not act as a second runner.

There is to be a maximum of four (4) trainers/water carriers, one of which may be located in the coaches box with the remainder spread around the ground at least 20 metres from the coaches area.

Trainers are required to be accredited / recognised by Sports Medicine Australia to the following levels: Sports First Aid or Equivalent qualification (i.e. Workplace First Aid, Nurse etc).

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Ground Marshal

Dress

Approved blue top

Duties

- a) Ground Marshals should introduce themselves to each other and where practical remain together. (This will hopefully give the person allocated the task a sense of security).
- b) Ground Marshals should adopt a Bi-Partisan approach to their role
- c) Ground Marshals are to escort the Umpires; it is not their responsibility to provide refreshment.
- d) Ground Marshals should report problems encountered to the club executive or committee person in attendance
- e) Serious incidences encountered should be documented and signed by both Ground Marshals; they should not put themselves in any danger
- f) Ground Marshals should confine themselves to the main group of spectators; normally around the pavilion
- g) Types of behaviour causing problems are: Abuse, Language, un-sportsman like behaviour and derogatory remarks. Both Ground Marshals should approach offenders in a non threatening way; if the problem persists, club executive or committee personnel should be informed.
- h) Ground Marshals are not part of the coaching panel and should not stand with them. It is not the role of the Ground Marshal to monitor the use of runners & trainers; excessive numbers in the coach's box should be brought to the attention of the club.
- i) Ground Marshals should ensure that spectators do not enter the perimeter of the ground when play is in progress.
- j) Ground Marshals should not handle players

Spectators behind the White lines / fence

Clubs who play matches on grounds that are not fenced are reminded to provide an additional white line to sufficiently separate spectators from team officials; approximately 3 metres behind the boundary line and in addition, behind the goals are to be roped off. Clubs are to make sure spectators remain behind these designated areas.