

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Lead Area: | RUGBY SERVICES |
| Lead Policy Title: | GROUND MARSHAL POLICY |
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Each team competing in a Rugby Union South Australia (RUSA) sanctioned match or event is required to have a Ground Marshal as a member of their Team Management.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

It is recommended that all Ground Marshals complete the “**Ground Marshal Program**”, which is an online course available on the Rugby Learning Centre. Ground Marshals are expected to fulfil the responsibilities prescribed in the Ground Marshal Program.

STEPS

Before Match

| STEP | DESCRIPTION OF ACTION | RESPONSIBLE |
|------|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | <p>Ground Marshal nomination</p> <p>There must be at minimum one (1) Ground Marshal for each team</p> <p>A Ground Marshal must be minimum 18 years of age.</p> <p>The Ground Marshal must be wearing a high-visibility outer garment so they are easily identifiable in their role – ideally the Purple vests marked with “Marshal”.</p> <p>A Ground Marshal must be an individual who is only responsible for that role (i.e. must not occupy 2 roles for that match).</p> <p>By exception (e.g. where a team is playing away from the rest of the Club) then the Team Manager could also be the Ground Marshal for that match.</p> <p>All other roles, cannot share the Ground Marshal role (e.g. you cannot be a Ground Marshal and also be a Coach, Player, Water Runner, Trainer, Photographer etc)</p> | Both Teams |
| 2 | <p>Check Facilities</p> <p>Both Ground Marshals should be satisfied the pitch is set for a game of Rugby.</p> <p>Both Ground Marshals should be aware of safety protocols (e.g. ambulance access point, appropriate stretcher, is a defibrillator available and where etc)</p> | Ground Marshals |
| 3 | <p>Introduction to Referee</p> <p>Both Ground Marshals must make themselves known to each other and to the Referee (and other Match Officials) prior to the match commencing.</p> <p>The Referee may delay the commencement of the match if there is not a Ground Marshal identified for each team.</p> | Ground Marshals / Referee |

During the Match

| STEP | DESCRIPTION OF ACTION | RESPONSIBLE |
|------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | <p>Both Ground Marshals must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor and manage spectator behaviour for the duration of the match - Support Match Officials with Red/ Yellow Card management - Enter the field of play if the Referee has stopped the game and requires support (e.g. for serious injury or dealing with sideline behaviour) <p>In order to effectively monitor spectator behaviour, it is recommend to complete 2 laps of the playing enclosure approx 10 minutes after each half commences.</p> | Ground Marshals |
| 2 | <p>At half-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only Team Members (including Coaches, Managers, Trainers etc) can enter the pitch to address their team. - Ensure Match Officials are left alone during half time (i.e. Coaches/ Managers / Spectators are not to approach the Referee). | Ground Marshals |

After the Match

| STEP | DESCRIPTION OF ACTION | RESPONSIBLE |
|------|--|-----------------|
| 1 | <p>Match Official “Cooling Off” Period</p> <p>Support Match Officials to achieve a “Cooling Off Period” – which is the 15 minute (at least) window immediately following the completion of a match in line with GMG 2024.</p> <p>NOTE – Referees must confirm match scores and red/yellow/blue cards with Team Managers, NOT Coaches, immediately following the match, before Cooling Off Period commences.</p> | Both Teams |
| 2 | <p>Support and Check on any Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist Team Personnel with paperwork if required - Report to Club Committee if Ambulance was required to attend | Ground Marshals |