

BLIGH PARK FOOTBALL CLUB



Position Description: Game Leader

Overview

The Game Leader is responsible for:

- ensuring the game runs fluently, limiting stoppages and assisting players with all match restarts. Most importantly, they must make every effort to create an environment that ensures that all players have fun, are learning the game and have maximum involvement.

Responsibilities

Prior, during and post game

- The Game Leader can be a club official, parent, older child / player or beginner referee and should always be enthusiastic and approachable. Most importantly, remember the children are learning the game – be flexible and patient.
- The Game Leader MUST wear the green vest for 10 minutes prior to, the duration of, and 5 minutes after the conclusion of each match. They should also use a whistle.
- Ensure their name is recorded on the team match sheet in case of any issues.
- Encourage all children to have fun and different children to take re-starts.
- Ensure the correct number of players are on the field.
- Discourage players from permanently over-guarding the goal (especially in the case of no goalies).
- Check all players are wearing shin guards.
- Use a “Ready, Set, Go” prompt to encourage quick decisions when restarting play.
- Encourage children to dribble or pass ball to team mates rather than kick the ball long.
- Ensure the opposing team is at least 5 metres outside the penalty area for all goal line restarts.
- Ensure team officials and parents create a safe, enjoyable and positive playing environment for the children.
- Encourage children to be involved in all aspects of the game, attacking and defending.
- Award free kicks as appropriate to help children learn the rules and consequences of committing fouls.
- Explain the rules to players and why a free kick has been awarded.
- Let the game flow and give instruction to all players on the run where you can.
- Praise and encourage both teams.
- Be enthusiastic and approachable.

Game Leaders are encouraged to undertake a free MiniRoos Certificate prior to start of the season.

The estimated time commitment required as the Game Leader is **up to 1 hour** per week, rotated through each family on the team. Game Leaders only need to be provided for Home games.

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