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TO: All Clubs, All Referees

Ground Marshals

Over the past few weeks several reports have been received from match officials at all levels of the game concerned at the lack of Ground Marshals, the incorrect number of Ground Marshals or Ground Marshals not carrying out their duties as required. The number of Ground Marshals are dependent on the rules of the competition and for ease of reference these have been collated into the following table along with the location of the relevant ruling.

Competition	# of Ground Marshals	Rule Reference
NPLM – First Team	4	NPL CR Art 16.4
NPLM – 20s/18s	2	NPL CR Art 16.3
NPLW – First Team/21s	2	NPL CR Art 16.2
Men’s State League – First Team	4	SL CR Art 11.3
Men’s State League - Reserves	4	SL CR Art 11.3
Men’s State League – 18s	2	SL CR Art 11.2
Women’s State League	1	Womens CR Art 7.1
Men’s Amateurs – First Team	2 Home/2 Away	AL CR Art 7.2/7.3
Men’s Amateurs - Reserves	2 Home/1 Away	AL CR Art 7.2/7.3
Women’s Amateurs	1	Womens CR Art 7.1
Women’s Metro/Masters	1	Womens CR Art 7.1
Metro/Masters	1	Senior Sunday Rules Art 7.1
NPL Juniors – 1 field of play	1	NPL CR Art 55.2
NPL Juniors – more than 1 field of play	2	NPL CR Art 55.3
Community Juniors – 1 field of play	1	Community Juniors CR Art 3.2
Community Juniors – More than 1 field of play	2	Community Juniors CR Art 3.3

The appointed Ground Marshals are an important part of the matchday environment and must be fully aware of their duties and responsibilities in being a Ground Marshal. It is a club’s responsibility to ensure the correct number of suitable Ground Marshals are available and they are required make themselves known to the match officials on the day. Match officials have been instructed to report every instance where the correct number of Ground Marshals are either not available, not visible or do not provide the necessary support.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,



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