



Blacktown & Districts Soccer Football Association Incorporated

Game Leader Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to outline appointments and general management of Game Leaders.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all Game Leaders, Clubs, BCSR, BDSFA Staff & Game Leader Parents.

3. General

- 3.1. Game Leaders are recognised as beginners in officiating. At no time should any general member or spectator approach or instruct Game Leaders.
- 3.2. Game Leaders shall be recognised by wearing the official Game Leader shirt which is orange in colour clearly distinctive of their roles.
- 3.3. Game Leaders should be monitored by Club Officials, Match Day Supervisors and Ground officials. Any inappropriate behaviour towards a Game Leader is to be reported to the BDSFA.

4. Game Leader Education & Training

- 4.1. Training of the Game Leaders is conducted by the BDSFA. A register of members who have completed the BDSFA course shall be kept by the BDSFA.
- 4.2. Members must complete a Game Leader Course every three (3) years.
- 4.3. Successful completion of the Game Leader Course shall make that member eligible to register into the BCSR as a Game Leader.

5. Game Leader Assessors

- 5.1. Game Leader Assessors may be allocated by the BDSFA or BCSR to fields.
- 5.2. Assessors will present themselves to Club Officials prior to entering the field.
- 5.3. Assessors may help instruct Game Leaders, educate Game Leaders and report to the BDSFA and BCSR areas of recommended education for improvement.

6. Game Leader Appointments

- 6.1. Game Leaders will be aligned to a primary club.
- 6.2. The primary Club will appoint Game Leaders to their home ground only.



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- 6.3. The BDSFA will inform Clubs of their registered and aligned Game Leaders. Only registered Game Leaders may be appointed to MiniRoo matches.
- 6.4. BDSFA may appoint Game Leaders to Blacktown Spartans or Blacktown FA SAP matches. Appointments to SAP matches will be based on Game Leader knowledge and assessments from the BDSFA, BCSRFB and Game Leader Assessors. Notification of appointments will be given to clubs seven (7) or more days prior to the SAP matches.
- 6.5. Clubs MUST keep a register of appointed matches.
- 6.6. Clubs who cannot cover matches at their home ground with their own aligned Game Leaders must inform the BDSFA office by no later than 5.00pm Tuesday prior to the weekend matches. The BDSFA will make every effort to appoint Game Leaders to those matches via bulk email.
- 6.7. Matches not covered shall be officiated by any capable person. The name of the Game Leader MUST be recorded on the Electronic Match Sheet as an unofficial referee.

7. Game Leader Payments

- 7.1. Game Leader Payments shall be made in conjunction with the BDSFA Referees Payment Policy ([click here](#)).

Discipline

- 7.2. Clubs who fail to comply by this Policy will have MiniRoo matches removed from their home ground until the BDSFA is satisfied that the Club understand its responsibility of Game Leader management.



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