



Lane Cove Football Club

# **COACHES & MANAGERS INFORMATION PACK**

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# THE LANE COVE WAY

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RESPECT**

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FOR LIFE**

**THE COMMUNITY CLUB**

# THE LANE COVE WAY

## PLAY WITH RESPECT

At Lane Cove Football Club, every player, parent and official is expected to respect everyone involved within the game. This includes but is not limited to:

- i) The Referee
- ii) The Assistant Referees (Linespersons)
- iii) Ground Officials
- iv) Other Parents
- v) Opposition Players
- vi) Spectators
- vii) Their own children

## MAKE IT FUN

Kids want to be kids - let them enjoy playing football. Make training fun and ensure every child has equal opportunity to develop and learn in a positive environment. Playing Football should always be fun.

## ALWAYS ENCOURAGE

Encourage all children to do their best. Encourage and assist players and coaches to set goals and work towards team objectives. Always try to make encouragement positive and without pressure. A parent can absolutely encourage their child to be competitive without that encouragement becoming a burden for the child.

## LEARN TOGETHER

Generate a desire in all players, coaches and parents to constantly learn and improve, regardless of skill level or knowledge of the game. Encourage and cultivate children's love to learn. Parents should grow their understanding of football with their children whenever possible.

## PLAY POSITIVE FOOTBALL

A deliberately indefinite term. What does "Positive Football" mean to you?

- An encouraging and supportive approach to team building
- A sustained goal to always enjoy football, no matter the result
- A commitment to continued learning throughout the development years and beyond
- In older age groups, (14-18) this can evolve to be more competitive – a Lane Cove FC side always tries its best to be positive and proactive in the way it plays.

## LOVE SPORT FOR LIFE

"70% of 'sporty' kids in the US quit by the time they are teenagers," (Changing The Game Project).

Lane Cove Football Club must be a supportive and enjoyable space for kids to play sport, develop social skills and make friends. Encourage kids to have fun and learn about being healthy whilst playing a team sport.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Welcome to the 2023 Season!!!

Dear LCFC Coaches and Managers,

The next winter season is almost upon us and we welcome you to the Lane Cove Football Club and the world of coaching and managing football!

Being a coach or manager should be both a rewarding and enriching experience, and this information pack will be useful in assisting you to perform these roles throughout the season. We would like to remind you that as we work with children in our club, it is a requirement that all club volunteers have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) and are registered as a volunteer, coach or manager via [playfootball.com.au](http://playfootball.com.au)

If you have any queries or require additional information, please check our website [www.lcfc.com.au](http://www.lcfc.com.au). For any assistance throughout the season, please contact your Age-Coordinator or a member of the Board. Contact details are provided in this pack. Lane Cove FC is a community-based football club with over 85 years of history in the Lower North Shore. We welcome all players regardless of skills and abilities with over 1,000 registered members spanning U6s through to O45s age groups. The Club and Board thank you for volunteering to coach and/or manage a team and we wish you all the best for an enjoyable season.

Your time and effort are greatly appreciated, as it is volunteers like you that help to make Lane Cove FC one of the friendliest community run clubs in the Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA).

Best regards,  
LCFC Board

## General Enquiries – Club Administrator

### Postal Address

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Australia

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W: [www.lcfc.com.au](http://www.lcfc.com.au)

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### Follow us

On [Facebook](#)  
On [Instagram](#)

# KEY DATES

**5 April** Miniroos Coaches Welcome @ Blackman Park, 5pm-8pm

**01-02 April** Commencement of the 20223 Season for Senior teams

**01-02 April** Commencement of the 2022 Season for MiniRoos and Junior teams

**07-10 April** Easter Long Weekend – no matches

**15-16 April** Middle weekend of School Holidays – no MiniRoos or Juniors games

**6, 7, 13 May** Photo Days

**19-28 May** Female Football Week

**TBA (June/July)** LCFC Annual Trivia Night @ Lane Cove Golf Club

**15- 16 July** Middle weekend of School Holidays – no MiniRoos or Juniors games

**26-27 August** MiniRoos Gala Days

**26-27 August** Finals for Junior Mixed, Girls, Women's and Men's Competition Football

**TBA** LCFC Club Day – trophy presentation and kit return

**TBA** Senior Presentation Night

# KEY CONTACTS & AGE CO-ORDINATORS

## Co-Presidents

[Megan Sweeney & Darren Thompson](#)

## Secretary

[Pete Crawford](#)

## Treasurer

[Megan Sweeney](#)

## Community Coaching Manager

[Vacant](#)

## Communications

[Madelin Mclvor](#)

## Events Manager

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## Kit Manager

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## Member Protection Information

[Vacant](#)

## MiniRoos U6-U11

[Darrin Hanley](#)

## Juniors U12-U18

[Eddy Gebhard](#)

## Women's All Age (WAA)

[Eliza Macgregor](#)

## Women's Over 35 (W35)

[Eliza Macgregor](#)

## Men's All Age (MAA)

[Samuel Wilkie](#)

## Men's Over 35 / Over 45

[Michael Stojanovic](#)

## SAP Technical Director & Head of Coaching

[Pete Crawford](#)

## Development Squads

[Peter Luke](#)

## Governance

**Football Federation Australia (FFA)** [www.footballaustralia.com.au](http://www.footballaustralia.com.au)

**Football NSW** [www.footballnsw.com.au](http://www.footballnsw.com.au)

**Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA)**  
<https://nsfa.asn.au/>

**FFA MiniRoos Football Website** <http://www.miniroos.com.au/>

**My Football Club** (Registration Site)  
<http://www.playfootball.com.au>

Football NSW is the governing body for association football and futsal in New South Wales, with the exception of the northern regions of NSW (the governing body for which is Northern New South Wales Football).

Football NSW is a Member Federation of the national governing body, Football Australia (FA).

The Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA) is the organising body that administers community football in the northern suburbs region of Sydney, New South Wales. Lane Cove Football Club is a member of NSFA.

# NSFA GENERAL INFORMATION, REGULATIONS & FORMS

General Information about NSFA and the competitions can be found on the NSFA website.

Information includes: [Competition Regulations](#), [2023 Calendar](#), [Competitions Draw](#), [NSFA Grounds List](#) and [Contact Details](#).

Playing formats and rules for the MiniRoos (U6-U11) age groups are available at [this link](#).

As NSFA releases new regulations and/or updates, LCFC will inform all affected teams and their representatives.

Important forms can also be found on the [NSFA website](#). Please forward completed forms to [admin@lcfc.com.au](mailto:admin@lcfc.com.au) as NSFA only accepts forms received from Club officials.

## PLAYER INSURANCE

Important information about player's insurance cover can be found on the [Lane Cove FC Website](#). Our sponsors at [ProHealth Physio](#) are experts in submitting sports insurance claims and offer this as a free service to all LCFC members.

Information on insurance is also on the Football NSW website:

1. The [Insurance Summary Brochure](#) is listed in Important Documents.
2. Claims information and the claims form is provided in [Claims](#).
3. [Online claims](#).

# CLUB COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA

## How we govern communications

Social media offers the opportunity for people to gather in online communities of shared interest and create, share or consume content. NSFA recognises the benefits of social media as an important tool of engagement and enrichment. As a member of the NSFA, Lane Cove Football Club expresses full support for the [policies and procedures outlined on the NSFA website](#) for member protection.

## What we are asking of you

As Coaches and Managers, you have the best insight on what is happening within the club and on the grounds. In past years, we have highlighted teams, players and club volunteers in our communications, and we need your help to continue these spotlights for this season. This material will be used in club communications such as internal club newsletters, social media posts, local news articles, club presentations and the like. It is important that you obtain permission to use any photos prior to sharing.

## We are asking you to share with the LCFC Communications team:

- Weekly game reports – including game results, goal scorer names, highlighted play
- Team and game photos – including names of any players in photos

If you would like anything featured on our social media, please reach out to the LCFC

Communications Team via [communications@lcfc.com.au](mailto:communications@lcfc.com.au)

Don't forget – follow us on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to keep up to date with the Club's activities!



# WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

**All volunteers, even if they are parents or close relatives of a member of a team, that are coaching or managing a team require a WWCC number.**

The only exemptions recognised by Football NSW are:

- Persons under 18 years of age
- Grounds persons
- Persons who work or volunteer with children visiting NSW from another State to attend an event where the work in NSW will be for no more than 30 days in a calendar year.

View the [FNSW WWCC policy](#). If you would like further information you can visit their [website](#).

The process involves:

1. Completing the online application form [here](#). Please click on the blue button that says "start here". You need only apply as a volunteer.
2. Go to a Service NSW centre with photo ID. [Click here](#) to find the closest one to you - the closest to Lane Cove are Chatswood, Ryde and Wynyard.
3. Wait for your WWCC number to be emailed to you.

Once you have completed your application, please email us your full name, date of birth and WWCC number. We will add this to our online LCFC WWCC profile. Please note that this is not for public viewing and, once added to our login, not even we are able to view the list of people entered.

# WET WEATHER

In the event of wet weather, please do not contact a club official.

Up until 5pm of the Friday preceding the weekend games, the Club Administrator will advise managers and coaches of any pitches that are closed, or games cancelled. If weather conditions are such that you think grounds may be closed on Friday evening or during Saturday, check the [NSFA website](#) as Councils / NSFA sometimes close grounds/re-allocate matches late on Friday or during Saturday. **It is up to each manager to check the NSFA website or monitor the DRIBL App and advise team members, parents or guardians.**

Sometimes there is plenty of notice regarding wet weather (ground closures), sometimes the notice is very short. If the weather is (or has been) poor, ensure you check on the Friday evening before the match.

## Council Wet Weather Lines      Contact

Hornsby Shire Council	9847 6764
Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council	9424 0800
Lane Cove Council	9911 3585
North Sydney Council	9911 3585
Willoughby City Council	9777 7631

# TEAM ADMINISTRATION (DRIBL)

It is compulsory for all volunteer coaches & managers to register with FA through the following website <https://www.playfootball.com.au/>

- After clicking “**Register Now**” there are 3 options – Re-Registering Player Registrations, New to Football and Coach, Referee and Volunteer Registrations.
- Coaches should select Coach Registrations and all other officials should select Volunteer Registration. If you have an existing FA number, please use for ALL related roles. Photos of officials must be loaded onto the My Football Club website at time of registration.

Once registered, please let the club know via email ([admin@lfc.com.au](mailto:admin@lfc.com.au)) which role you are volunteering for and which team you will be looking after. This will then allow you to receive the relevant club communications which are important for your team and will allow you to access information directly from our website [www.lfc.com.au](http://www.lfc.com.au).

The club website allows you to see a list of all players plus contact details and emergency details. You can also list shirt numbers, add player photos and send team emails. It also allows you to post match reports and record your team results during the season on the club's website.

All team managers will be required to download the DRIBL App to prepare and submit match cards and to record results. To access the managers' section – please use this link <https://app.dribl.com/>

A full breakdown of how to use Dribl can be found [here](#). Below is a short guide on logging in.

Step 1 – Download the Dribl app on the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#)

Step 2 – Setting up your account

- Click on 'Sign Up'
- Enter your email address & click next (email must be the same that your registered with in PlayFootball)
- Create a password
- Enter 4 digit verification code, will be sent to your email address
- Upon sign in, select 'allow' notifications to receive updates for fixture changes (ie wet weather).

If you have any problems, please contact the club on [admin@lfc.com.au](mailto:admin@lfc.com.au).

## PHOTO ID & DOB VERIFICATIONS

All players registered to play in competition-age (U12+) teams **MUST** upload an acceptable ID photo onto either the PlayFootball or through the Dribl registration database to be eligible to play in competition matches.

The standard of photo required is the same as that required by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for passport photos. Please click the link below for guidelines:

<https://www.passports.gov.au/passportsexplained/Pages/quicknewadultpassportguide.aspx>

Clubs must verify the identities of all registered players and indicate that the player's identity has been verified on the registration database.

Any player who has not provided an acceptable ID photo or has not had their identity verified by the club with which they are registered, is ineligible to play in any competition match. Any team found to have played such a player may be **liable to a loss of competition points and/or a fine**.

Photos are **not required for MiniRoos players**, although any players who may from time to time “fill-in” for competition teams will need to upload a photo to do so.

## KIT, EQUIPMENT AND MERCHANDISE

Every team will receive a kit bag containing training equipment (balls, bibs, cones etc) and playing shirts. If you require extra equipment or different shirt sizes, please email your age coordinator

Please also check out our [e-store](#) for a range of club clothing and merchandise such as hats, jackets, jumpers and bags. Please share this link with your teams.

## TRAINING FIELD ALLOCATIONS

The 2023 Training Field Allocations are available on the LCFC website manager's section [here](#).

To request a change to your allocated training time, please contact your age coordinator.

## BLACKMAN PARK BBQ

**The Club will arrange for members to organise and control the BBQ at Blackman Park on Saturday mornings.** This will involve ordering and collection of food, purchasing of supplies, setup and close down, and arranging volunteer support.

All teams, from U6s to O45s are expected to provide volunteers to help run the BBQ at selected times during the season, in accordance with a roster which will be advised to managers. The BBQ is expected to commence following the Easter Break. Given the number of teams, this should only involve 1 shift per team for the season. It will be the manager's responsibility to arrange volunteers from the team although it is recommended that there be at least 2 volunteers per half hour. Teams will be rostered on for a 2.5 hour shift from either 8am to 10:30am, or from 10:30am to 1pm.

## INJURY MANAGEMENT ADVICE

ProHealth Physio is one of Lane Cove Football Club's main sponsors. As they have done in previous years, ProHealth will continue working on the ground with our players and coaches to not just treat but prevent injury in our teams. ProHealth will be assisting our coaches during the week and on the weekends to provide tips and advice to help manage our players' movements and health.

For further information on the services offered by ProHealth Physio, please visit their website [www.prohealthphysio.com.au](http://www.prohealthphysio.com.au) or contact them on [help@prohealthphysio.com.au](mailto:help@prohealthphysio.com.au)



# COACHING INFORMATION

## Registration & Free NSFA Courses

Once registered through with FFA, coaches can attend free NSFA community coaching courses which are held throughout the season. For first time MiniRoos coaches it is highly recommended that you join a MiniRoos Grassroots Introductory Course – for further details including dates/times and registration refer

<https://nsfa.asn.au/coaches/education/>.

If you are unable to attend any course you have registered for, please notify Jake Stephenson (NSFA Coach Development Manager) E: [jake.stephenson@nsfa.asn.au](mailto:jake.stephenson@nsfa.asn.au)

**IMPORTANT:** If you register to attend as a Coach and fail to attend, LCFC will be invoiced the sum of **\$90.00**. This is money that the club won't have to spend on equipment and facilities!

For any questions relating to Coach Education Courses and available Coach Resources provided by NSFA, please contact [Jake Stephenson (NSFA Coach n) E: [jake.stephenson@nsfa.asn.au](mailto:jake.stephenson@nsfa.asn.au).]

For LCFC Club Coaching enquiries and opportunities, please contact (Community Coaching Manager) E: [coaching@lfc.com.au](mailto:coaching@lfc.com.au)

## Coach Duties & Responsibilities

Coaches are responsible for:

- Maintaining a valid WWCC and ensuring that the Club has an up to date record of your WWCC
- Organising and running fun and engaging training sessions.
- Deciding who plays and their positions within the team for the weekend matches.
- Keeping a record of who played when and where and ensuring ALL players have a reasonably equal time on the pitch. This duty is often delegated to the manager to allow the coach to focus on the game. The coach and manager should regularly vet the playing times of all players and actively work to counter any shortfalls.
- Deciding when to send on substitute players during matches and for the general strategy of the team when playing.
- Looking after the team's kit – match ball, practice balls, pump, whistle etc. and ensuring all is returned on Club Day at the end of the season.
- Liaising with the team manager on the Chargrill Charlies "Player of the Match" voucher after each game.

The assistant coach (if any) helps with these tasks and provides a sounding board for the coach.

# VIBE FOOTBALL COOPERATIVE COACHING (U6 – U11 TEAMS)

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Vibe Football collaborative coaching program, catering to the under-6 to under-11 age group teams for the forthcoming season, commencing on 24th April 2023.

Our Vibe Football Cooperative program aims to provide a comprehensive support system to coaches by partnering with them on the ground, empowering them with best-practice coach development techniques, and assisting them with valuable guidance to ensure an optimal player experience. It is imperative to note that our coaches are not to be utilised as a backup coaching option. In the event of a coach's absence, we advise them to organise for a stand-in parent to conduct the session, and our team will readily assist them with suggestions, tips and other coaching resources.

We strongly encourage parents of players to maintain a safe distance from the field during training sessions. While we appreciate parental support, we request parents remain positioned behind the fences on synthetic fields or around the treeline on lower grass fields. This will facilitate a focused and uninterrupted training session and provide adequate transition time for coaches preparing for the next training session (there will be other sports and/or teams before and after our sessions).

In keeping with our commitment to facilitate a premium training experience, the Vibe Football team will:

- Arrange for all equipment setup, including dimensions of the field layout for each coach and the goals constructed before the club coach's arrival (coaches will lay out their cones as soon as we have access to the pitch)
- Distribute individual session plans to all coaches through Sports Session Planner via WhatsApp 1 week ahead of time for any potential questions
- Provide active support, mentoring, and assistance, guided by best-practice coach development techniques
- Offer insightful tips and advice to coaches during training sessions, thereby bolstering their coaching practices and refining the player experience (at the coach's discretion)
- Offer exclusive access to the Vibe Football directors via a dedicated Team Managers WhatsApp group for questions and queries
- Monthly newsletter with best-practice coaching material

We are dedicated to supporting coaches' development and delivering unparalleled training to players. We are confident that our program will foster a collaborative spirit, enabling coaches to hone their skills and nurture young players. We look forward to working with you throughout the season to deliver an enriching training experience.

# MANAGER DUTIES

Managers are responsible for:

- Maintaining a valid WWCC and ensuring that the Club has an up to date record of your WWCC
- Communicating with the team on fixtures and availability, particularly during wet weather.
- Distributing NSFA & LCFC publications.
- Reporting weekly results on the DRIBL App.
- Share with the LCFC Communications team:
  - Weekly game reports – including game results, goal scorer names, highlighted play
  - Team and game photos – including names of any players in photos
- Distributing team shirts and making sure all equipment is returned at the end of the season.
- Updating the database with player photos, shirt allocations and player details.
- Organising attendance for photos, Club Day and any other club activities for your team and possibly the Club generally.
- General contact between the team members, Age Coordinators and the Board as needed.
- Coordinate, allocate and schedule team tasks/duties assigned by the Club, such as nets duties, BBQ duties and sorting equipment etc.
- Encouraging parents to check LCFC and NSFA websites.
- Coordinate with Coach to manage and allocate the Charrill Charlies "Player of the Match" voucher after each game. The award should be spread across all the players in the team in the junior years. In the senior competitions we recommend a 3-2-1 team voting arrangement.

To assist with team communications, we recommend setting up a WhatsApp group with team parents, and using an App such as Teamer, Teams or Heja so that parents have details of matches and assigned duties e.g. half-time fruit.

## ROTATION OF PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTES

**Club policy** is that all players should spend time on the field at every match and this should be handled in a fair manner. This will lead to fewer complaints to both you and the Board. Managers need to compile a roster sheet, to ensure fair playing time for all players and as proof in the event of complaints.

Players should be told to advise their coach or manager if they will be absent from matches prior to the match, preferably at training. Matches at the start and end of school holidays can quite often have absences, replacement players can be found if there is plenty of notice.

# BORROWING PLAYERS FROM OTHER TEAMS

If you need to borrow a player from another team, please provide as much notice as possible to the team/player concerned. Please note that your priority is your team, so please do not sacrifice your own team for the benefit of another.

Players can only be borrowed from teams in our own club, from the same, or lower age-group as below:

- **SAME AGE GROUP** – players can be borrowed only from a lower team (e.g. “A” can borrow from “B” or lower but not vice versa). A player, who has played FOUR (4) times with the higher division team, becomes a member of that higher division and can no longer play with their previous team. **Please ensure this does not happen!**
- **FROM A LOWER AGE-GROUP** – players can borrow from a lower age-group without restriction; except that division 1 players from a lower age group can only play in the “A” team of any higher age-group. This ‘A’ team can be in any division. Players cannot play up by more than 2 age divisions.
- **DIAMOND and SUPER LEAGUES** – players from Diamond or Super League teams can only play in another Diamond or Super League Team, they cannot play in a community team.

Please make sure that borrowed players get a share of the game time.

**Under no circumstances** should a player who is not registered with NSFA or Lane Cove Football Club be allowed to play. The Club will be fined heavily, which will be passed onto the manager, and in competition age groups, points will be deducted.

**WE ARE NOT INSURED FOR UNREGISTERED PLAYERS.** If you are in doubt about whether a player is registered, please contact the Club Administrator before allowing the player to take the field.

# BALL SIZES

All balls need to be approved and licensed by Football NSW. In January of each year NSFA sends out a listing of approved and licensed balls. The sizes of the balls used are:

Under 6 to Under 9 – Size 3.

Under 10 to Under 13 – Size 4.

Under 14 to Over 45 – Size 5.

# EQUIPMENT

Likewise if you notice any misuse of equipment please call it out or report it. We are all part of the same club so it is everyone's responsibility to make sure that all equipment is returned to the sheds or provided directly to another LCFC team to use.

# FIXTURES, TABLES & RE-GRADING

**All fixtures, tables (and results from competitive leagues) are published on the NSFA website [here and in DRIBL](#). Use the drop down menus or app to find your division / team.**

Tables are not kept in MiniRoos Football. Results are recorded and used only for re-grading purposes. Re-grading occurs every 5 weeks so that divisions comprise teams with similar ability.

Forfeits are not recorded as a “result” but have the same effect as a cancelled match for re-grading.

Win: 3 points.      Draw: 1 point.      Loss: 0 points.      Forfeit: 3 points.

# FORFEITS

All forfeits must be notified to NSFA at **least forty-eight** (48) hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the fixture. The forfeit form is available on the [NSFA website](#). Forfeit fines may apply to the forfeiting club, depending upon the amount of notice given.

In squad divisions, no first-grade fixture may be forfeited without a corresponding forfeit in the Reserve Grade Fixture.

Clubs forfeiting **after 4.00pm** of the last working day in the week must advise the opposition Club Secretary, Ku-ring-gai & District Football Referees Association (Under 12 upwards) and the NSFA Office.

When a team forfeits a match, the opposition shall be awarded a 3-0 win.

When both teams forfeit a match, neither team shall be awarded any goals or competitive points.

In Miniroos, the minimum number of players required is as follows:

Under 6 and Under 7 – 6 players;

Under 8 and Under 9 – 5 players; and

Under 10 and Under 11 – 6 players.

Under 12 is also 6 players.

In all Competition Age Groups (other than Under 12), if a team is unable to field at least seven (7) eligible registered players at the scheduled starting time, then such team will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

No grace period shall be permitted.

Where a team has not reported to the referee by the scheduled kick-off or does not have the required minimum number of players present, 10 minutes grace from the scheduled starting time may be claimed and must be allowed. After the 10 minutes grace has passed, a team failing to report to the referee shall automatically forfeit to its opponents, provided that the opponents have reported to the referee in good order.

Teams forfeiting on consecutive occasions without good reason may be removed from the competition at the discretion of the relevant football committee.

## REFEREEING (GAME LEADERS)

In the non-competition (MiniRoos) age groups, parents usually referee matches. It is sometimes agreed that a parent from each team referee one half each. The coach should not referee unless there is no alternative. The coach needs to be on the sideline, coaching, other parents should not be coaching.

Should a coach need to referee under exceptional circumstances, please ensure that no coaching occurs from the field. Only one designated parent should undertake the coaching duties in this instance.

Some parents who referee may not be as familiar with the game as one would like. In these cases, please encourage the parents in your team to exercise some patience and not be too critical. Please bear in mind that you are all volunteers and do not deserve abuse. If you witness or experience this type of behaviour, please report it to your age-group coordinator.

For further information please refer to this [link](#).

In the Competition age groups there is usually an NSFA assigned referee. This does not always occur as there is a shortage of referees. All referees should be treated with respect.

Remember, the **golden rule** is that the referee's decision is **FINAL** (even if they appear to be "wrong"). The game is for players and the worst example parents can set is that of arguing with the referee or the opposition's parents.



# MATCH CARD PROCEDURES

## MiniRoos

Match cards are **not required** for individual matches in MiniRoos. All relevant information is recorded through the Drbl App.

## All other teams

For competition teams (U12 and above), Electronic Match Cards allow Team Managers and Referees to perform all the functions needed from a smartphone using the Drbl App.

In preparation for the season, it is important that all team managers familiarise themselves with the Dribl App, and Electronic Match Cards (EMC) procedure in particular. Important areas for Member clubs to take note of are:

- Uploading photo identification in the correct form (passport style)
- Confirming the date of Birth of all players

**NSFA will allow players to take part in matches even if their photo is not uploaded or DOB confirmed for the first 2 rounds of the season.**

The following link provides a comprehensive guide of how to use the Electronic Match Cards.

<https://nsfa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Dribl-User-Guide.pdf>**Please note that no changes can be made after the match card has been submitted.**

Full information on the use of Electronic Match Cards is found in the Dribl User Guide on the above link.

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