

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL?

They are in charge of sporting events, games and competitions to ensure that the rules and regulations are followed, and a winner is determined.

REFEREE/UMPIRE

An umpire / referee is an official who watches the match or game closely to enforce rules and to maintain a fair game.



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT OFFICIAL ROLES?

- Referee/Umpire
- Assistant referee / line judge
- Scorers / Judges
- Timekeeper
- Video review official.



Assistant referee/Line judge



An assistant referee is an official who assists the referee or umpire in games such as football and tennis by indicating when the ball goes over the lines. They then determine where the throw in is taken from.

Scorers / Judge



They determine the winner of a competition by awarding marks and points for the performance.

Timekeeper



A person who is appointed to mark and announce the time in an athletic game or contest. Responsible to adjust time for temporary stoppages or when instructed to do so by the referee.

Video Review Official



The video review official is match official who reviews decisions made by the head referee with the use of video footage to ensure that the decision is correct. Sometimes things happen in sport that quick that it is hard to keep up and see everything.

WHAT IS A RESPONSIBILITY?

The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone.

The state or fact of being accountable or to blame for something.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN OFFICIAL?

- Appearance
- Equipment
- Fitness requirements
- Effective communication
- Control of players
- Health and safety.

Appearance



- Easy to identify
- Smart
- Uniform
- Well presented (hair cut, tidy).

Equipment



- Whistle
- Score sheet and pen
- Red and yellow cards
- 2/3-way radio between assistant referee's
- Watch.

Fitness requirements



- So that they can keep up with the game
- So they can effectively see what is happening in the game
- So they can potentially prevent an injury or altercation between players

Effective communication



- So that the rules can be understood and followed correctly.
- So individuals are aware of what they have done wrong.
- Both verbal and non-verbal.

Health and safety



- Is the area/match/game safe to go ahead?
- Are you wearing the correct uniform for the weather?
- Are you prepared for the task ahead?
- Are all the players suitably dressed? Check boots
- First aider present?

Control of players



- Injuries could occur
- Players could not be following the rules
- Players could be cheating
- Fights and disagreements could occur.