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ODFNL Umpire Escort Policy

All AFL Vic Country clubs are required to provide an adult umpire escort for all matches their club is involved in during a season.

It is recommended that the Umpire escort wear the league approved 'fluro' top.

The Umpire escort shall be required to escort and assist the umpires at all breaks in play to ensure that any incidents are controlled in a reasonable manner.

(Failure to provide an Umpire Escort will incur a fine of \$100)

Suggested procedures

The Umpires Escort must:

- a) Be listed on the official team sheet
- b) Be capable of assisting the umpires if an incident arises
- c) To be present at the umpires rooms five minutes prior to the umpires entering the ground
- d) To accompany the umpires on and off the ground and to stand with the umpires at all scheduled breaks in play
- e) To move quickly to the umpires at the end of each quarter
- f) Not to give comment on the umpires performance
- g) In the event of an incident involving the umpires the Umpire is to remain with the umpires and ensure their safe departure from the ground (providing the safety of the Umpires Escort is not put at risk)
- h) Escort the umpires to the umpire's room door before duty is completed
- i) Ensure that goal umpires are accompanied to umpire's room
- j) In the event of an issue of crowd behaviour that is deemed inappropriate by the umpires, the Umpire Escort should be approached by the umpires and requested to ask the home club president, or his delegate, and if necessary the opposition club president or his delegate, to take appropriate action or if necessary contact the police.

k) The Club Umpire Escort should attend the umpires at quarter time and three quarter time.