

FAR WEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH DAY CHECKLIST

This checklist is a requirement from the FWFL League, and is to be completed as a part of the AFL Ground Safety Checklist.

Requirements of each club on match day are:

1. Original of the AFL Match Day Checklist to be completed by the home team, and the original provided to the Umpires Room before commencement of play for U14 match.
2. FWFL Match Day Checklist to be completed by both home and away team (one form each) and the form provided to the Umpires Room immediately following the end of play of the A-Grade match.

Club:		Versus:	
Date:		Ground:	
Names of Stewards (minimum of 1 required)			Signed (by each Steward)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
Incidents – Off Field: Stewards to provide a brief description of any incident that occurred that had potential to cause spectator problems at the ground. This should include names of spectators, etc.			
Action Taken by Stewards: Describe actions undertaken by Stewards on the day (if any)			
Other Comments:			
Signed			
Name:		Date:	

ROLE OF CLUB STEWARDS

From the Far West Football League Task Force Report and a subsequent inclusion into the FWFL Constitution/By-Laws, it is now a requirement of all clubs to ensure a minimum of four club stewards being present on match days, including finals.

The role of the club stewards is to provide club leadership in maintaining appropriate levels of behaviour by members and spectators from the stewards club only.

It is not the role of Club Stewards to approach members and spectators from other clubs.

Some of the suggested roles of club stewards on the day should include:

- Monitoring of general crowd behaviour;
- Monitoring of offensive remarks towards umpires, players, spectators, and club or opposition officials;

If Club Stewards become aware of inappropriate crowd behaviour, the following should be done:

- Direct approach to the offending person with a request that they cease the inappropriate behaviour – explain why.
- Club Stewards may seek assistance of fellow club stewards to help out;
- If inappropriate behaviour continues, further intervention is required by club stewards;
- If issue cannot be controlled by club stewards, Police assistance may be called if deemed necessary or appropriate.

Suggested actions to be taken against offending members/spectators;

- Initial intervention;
- Removal from match venue (ie banned by club);
- Banning of offending person for specified number of games;
- Police action;
- Report to League Commission who may also take appropriate action.

Under no circumstances should Club Stewards approach members or spectators from other clubs. Any issues that Club Stewards have with other clubs member/spectator behaviour should be handled as such:

- Approach Club Stewards from other club(s) to take appropriate action in a non-confrontation manner;
- Complete FWFL Matchday Checklist detailing issues with your own or other clubs and return to Umpires Room immediately following completion of A Grade match.
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