**Jacketed Officials -Roles and Responsibilities**

**1-5.** All Clubs and Teams participating in a Match conducted by Shoalhaven District Football (SDFA) must provide a minimum of two people to act in the role of ‘Jacketed Official” for senior and junior matches, one official is required for night competitions matches, Failure to provide the required number of Jacketed Officials within 10 minutes of the nominated kick-off time will result in the offending Club/Team being fined per Match and any other sanction deemed applicable by SDFA.

The match will not start until the Jacketed Officials are in position. Jacketed Officials must:

(a) be 18 years of age or older

(b) wear clothing that readily identifies them as a Jacketed Official;

(c) patrol all fields used throughout the relevant match(s) and ensure they are located in positions where they are dearly visible to Participants and which are appropriate for monitoring on-field and off-field incidents and Spectator behavior;

(d) Make themselves clearly visible to the Match Officials prior to the commencement of a Match and ensure their names are displayed on the applicable team sheet.

(e) accompany Match Officials on and off the field of play if required or

appropriate to do so

(f) ensure that, at all times, their Spectators comply with the FFA Spectator Code of Behavior .If their Spectators are behaving contrary to the Code of Behavior, a Jacketed Official must, if it is safe to do so, remind those Spectators of their obligations under the Code of Behavior and issue any reasonable directions to those Spectators, including a direction to leave the venue. If those Spectators fail to comply with the Jacket Official’s reasonable directions, he/she should, contact the home Club representative for further assistance. If required the home Club official representative is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.

(g) NOT be involved in other duties while acting as a Jacketed Official (not refereeing, coaching managing, canteen duties etc);

(h) not engage in any verbal or physical altercations;

(i) not consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a Jacketed Official;

(j) not, unless it is safe to do so, approach opposition Spectator

behaving inappropriately and must instead approach opposition Jacketed Officials to resolve any issues. If opposition Jacketed Officials are unwilling or unable to assist, and opposition Spectators continue to behave inappropriately, the Jacketed Official should, if necessary, contact the home Club representative for further assistance. If required the home Club official representative is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.

(k) within 48 hours of a Match, provide a written report to SDFA setting out any inappropriate Spectator behavior, including any failure by a Spectator to comply with a Jacketed Official’s reasonable direction and/or any failure by opposition Jacketed Officials to provide assistance in controlling opposition Spectators; and

(l) conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FNSW and football generally.

Clubs, Teams and Jacketed Officials that fail to comply with these Roles and Responsibilities may be fined by SDFA or dealt with in accordance with the SDFA Disciplinary Regulations.

**1-6a** Ground Officials have the authority to remove any offending persons from the officially marked areas, if the ground is fenced they can be removed outside the fence boundary, if they fail to leave the Council Ranger or police are to be called to have them removed, and a report made to the Association including names of the offenders.