



BNSW GROUND OFFICIALS



GROUND OFFICIAL- CLUB REQUIREMENTS

Each junior baseball venue must provide a ground official whilst there are games in progress, this requirement includes time between games.

Ground Official must sign in and out of the clubs register when taking on ground official role, thus acknowledging they are aware of their responsibilities and have read the BA spectator code of behaviour.

Ground official must be 18 years of age or older.

Club to have hard copy of BA Spectator code of behaviour displayed at venue.

GROUND OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Sign in and out of club register when on duty. Wear ground official high visibility vest at all times, BNSW to provide High Visibility Vest to all clubs.

Where possible, introduce themselves to umpires prior to the umpires making their way onto the diamond to start a game. Remain in sight of umpires where possible. Respond to any umpires request to address supporters displaying unsatisfactory behaviour.

If seen or reported, any scenario where an individual or group displaying unsatisfactory behaviour, request that the behaviour cease.

Where an incident has occurred and spectator code of conduct has been breached, incident must be reported to the club executive immediately in writing. Club and/or Association executive to manage appropriate action.

If required, a ground official has the capacity to request that an individual or individuals must vacate the venue to at least the car park. In the event that an offender refuses to vacate the venue, ground official should contact local council ranger.

Ensure only players, coaches and umpires (Ground crew when applicable) are on the playing surface.

Ensure supporters are not in direct vicinity of the dugout or the scorer's area.

Ensure there is no smoking near the field or any alcohol being consumed at the venue.

GROUND OFFICIAL BEHAVIOUR

Try to maintain a calm appearance whenever possible

Avoid appearing aggressive or over bearing especially towards persons who appear angry or upset. A polite and friendly enquiry or comment will be more widely respected and less likely to escalate a situation, rather than an authoritarian approach.

In the instance of a violent incident, ground official is not required to physically intervene.

Encourage good behaviour and display good behaviour.