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Dear Clubs

RE: BDAFA Regulations

Please find below several key messages which have been relayed by the Bankstown Football Referees. A reminder that no Team Official will be permitted in the Technical Area without an Identification Card. If you don't have one please contact the office. At this point of time the office cannot guarantee your card will be printed in time for the weekend.

Technical Areas.

1. The technical area is to have a designated seated area for team officials and substitutes and substituted players (called players from herein).
2. There should be sufficient seating for UP TO 5 players and UP TO 4 team officials that are listed on team sheets.
3. The technical area commences from the front of the bench and extends outwards to within 1 meter of the touch-line; it extends one meter left and right of the outside seats.

Please note "as per BDAFA regulations the technical areas should be 15 metres apart, being 7.5 metres from half way. Seating should be placed towards the back of the technical area, so that players/officials do not obstruct the 1 metre space to the sideline"

4. Only one registered team official may stand and convey information to the team at a time
5. The use of any form of electronic communication between players (including substitutes/substituted and sent off players) and/or technical staff is not permitted, (phones, radios, loudhailers etc.).
6. Team officials are to wear a visible ID card whilst in the technical area
7. Bags and other personal effects should be kept behind the seating.
8. No hot drinks are allowed in the technical area. Water for players is permitted
9. All players are to wear bibs, these are to remain on until the moment of substitution, where the bib is removed and is then handed to the substituted player as he comes off the field.
10. No other person other than players on the team sheet and officials may enter the technical area this includes but is not limited to, injured players, parents, girl and boy friends, pets etc.
11. No smoking
12. Where possible markings should be used to define the area
13. All persons in the technical area are to behave in a responsible manner.
14. All persons must remain in the technical area throughout the game except for special occasions, e.g. Trainer entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player, players moving and genuinely warming up.
15. All ground Marshalls are to be conversant with these guidelines and are requested to help enforce them, there should be one available ground marshal per game, and not one per club, they should be highly visible.
16. During Small Sided games, parents should be on one side of the field, NOT BEHIND THE GOALS.

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- a. Coach/Manager is to have his substitute ready (with bib on) asks for an exchange from the referee or the assistant. WHEN the referee gives permission THEN the exchange may take place. Any entry or exit to/from the field before permission is granted will result in a yellow card for the infringement.
- b. After the referee has given the OK, the substituted player leaves the ground first, (entry/exit may be anywhere between half way and their technical area). As the player substituted comes off he accepts the bid from the substitute on the line, not on the field.
- c. Breaches will be sanctioned.

Referee Facilities / protection

Clubs that close their clubhouse/canteen before all games are completed will not have referees appointed to games at all. For all games the clubhouse is to be available for access by Match officials, with access to water and toilet facilities.

Under no circumstances are teams to pay referees direct. If the clubhouse and facilities are open, but the canteen staff have closed and left, they prior to leaving they should arrange with another club official to manage collection of fees and distribution to referees.

If the canteen is closed there must still be ground marshals. Most importantly, there needs to be someone readily available to open the gates should an ambulance need to be called. If this does not occur, the game will not commence, and after a 10-minute grace period the game will be abandoned, and incident report submitted and there will be a claim for fees.

Fees

For canteen staff - BFR have an equal split fee structure when there is more than one BFR official involved in the game.

Ten-minute grace period

If a team has failed to turn up or has insufficient players to commence play, the referee will allow a period of up to ten minutes before abandoning the game. The ten minutes is only to allow the minimum number of seven players to arrive. If there are any other reasons that do not allow the referee to commence the game an incident report will follow. Halves of play will be reduced by up to five minutes each if the start of play is delayed.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Post-Match Operations

Please ensure **ALL** team sheets are returned to the BDAFA office by **6pm Monday** following the weekend of matches. Regarding **ANY** player who is sent off (R7 included) their card must be dropped off to the BDAFA office. Please note the Club will be fined and the Player's suspended until the card is presented and the time served **will not** count.

Fines for team sheets will come into effect as of May 1st, 2017.

Yours sincerely,



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