



PROFESSIONAL GAME  
MATCH OFFICIALS



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Association



## **LOVE FOOTBALL. PROTECT THE GAME.**

### **Managers, Coaches and Technical Area Occupants**

#### ***Pre-match briefing***

- Manager / Head Coach is expected to attend and participate in pre-match briefings

#### ***Conduct in the Technical Area***

All occupants:

- Must behave in a responsible manner
- Compliance with the maximum number of staff and substitutes allowed by the competition
- Players and team officials not listed on the team sheet must not enter the technical area
- Must not use technology to challenge any decision made by the match officials
- Must remain within your own technical area during the match
- Must not enter the pitch to confront any match official at half-time or full-time

#### ***Coaching***

- Only one person is permitted to stand at the front of the technical area and coach during the match
- A second person may stand but must remain very close to the technical area seating
- All conversations between the two standing must happen close to the technical area seating
- All other technical area occupants should remain seated

#### ***Captains***

- Should take responsibility for the behaviour of their team-mates, encouraging them to play fairly and show respect towards the match officials and their decisions

#### ***Players***

- Must not confront, invade the personal space of, or make physical contact with the match officials
- Two or more players surrounding a match official in a confrontational manner will result in a yellow card and be reported to The FA
- Must not instigate or escalate a mass confrontation with opposing players and/or technical area occupants

## **Disciplinary Action**

### ***Match Officials***

- Empowered to take a robust approach, issue yellow and red cards where behaviour falls below expected standards and submit further reports to The FA.

### ***The FA***

- Issue misconduct charges where appropriate to take further disciplinary action