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Roles and Responsibilities
of the Respect Steward by
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Introduction



The 18-19 Season “We Only Do Positive” campaign was a great success, raising awareness with all adults by +21% and overall respect marks captured through Full-Time was 85% positive. To support the FA Respect Programme Hampshire FA are continuing with the requirement for all teams **Home & Away** to provide an adult Respect Steward for all youth football teams U14 age group and below.



Respect Steward



It shall be the responsibility of every U7/U8/U9/U10/U11/U12/U13 & U14 teams (Home & Away) affiliated with a Youth Football League whereby the League is affiliated with Hampshire FA to provide a match Respect Steward (RS) for their football fixtures throughout Season 2020-21.

Hampshire FA is aware that some Leagues have mandated that ALL age groups they facilitate football for must provide a Respect Steward (RS).



Who should carry out the role?



- Ideally Not the Manager or Coaching Staff.
- An Adult who preferably is someone that is calm but confident in dealing with others within their **OWN** Club.
- Try to keep the same person every week or a small group of people to carry out the role on a rotational basis.
- Make sure they are known to supporters of your team.



Appropriate Attire for Club Respect Steward



The Respect Steward will be required to wear a fluorescent Hi Viz Jacket for the role





Visibility



Easier for the Referee
to identify the Match
Respect Steward in a
large group of people!



Prior to the game each (RS) shall introduce themselves to the Referee and make them feel welcome. Home (RS) direct them to their changing rooms if applicable and offer a drink if facility available. Ensure their fees are paid and escort them accordingly if required as they leave the venue.



Responsibilities



- **Ensuring** that their OWN spectators comply with Respect designated spectator area.
- **Remind** OWN supporters of responsibilities in relation to Respect.
- **Support** the Referee when dealing with any spectator related issue within your OWN team.
- **Use common sense** and at all times be a visual point of contact for any concerns from the opposition (RS).
- **Dependent** on League procedures the (RS) may assist to check registration cards or complete match result cards.

The FA Respect Programme must be considered by the (RS) at all times, and any issues should be reported to the League & County Association.



Match Respect Steward & Respect



The Match (RS) can help the Club ensure that the Respect Programme is followed for the benefit of all participants. The (RS) should use their own knowledge of their own Club spectators to help prevent abuse, foul language or other unacceptable behaviour. The (RS) should ensure their own safety at all times and if in doubt about the potential for a situation to escalate they should act in accordance with their concerns.



Working collectively Together



We want to work together to avoid this!!



RESPECT





Non Adherence !!!





Compliance
And see
more of this



Designated Spectator Areas



- Poles with ropes or tape (Barrier)
- Cones
- Spray paint lines





Compliance



Reporting Concerns

- Your Club Welfare Officer
- Your League Welfare Officer
- HFA Designated Safeguarding Officer
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Respect



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Additional resources

- FA Codes of Conduct.
- FA Captain's Guide.
- thefa.com/get-involved/respect/play-your-part
- thefa.com/get-involved/respect/resources
- thefa.com/get-involved/respect/we-only-do-positive
- Club Referee and Assistant Referee workshops can be arranged via the HFA Referees Development Officer 01256 853010.



Further questions?



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