



MATCH OFFICIAL ASSAULT POLICY



IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT WE WILL:

- Acknowledge receipt of Report in writing within 2 working days
- Arrange a meeting / visit or suitable alternative with the Match Official
- Automatically refer the incident to the County Welfare Officer if the Match Official is below the age of 18 years or considered to be a vulnerable adult

WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIVING THE REPORT WE WILL:

- Review the referees report and open a full and transparent investigation for all parties involved
- Provide contact details of the relevant Police authority and/ or Police Victim Services
- Discuss and agree with the Match Official an action plan moving forward that should include the opportunity for match day support moving forward
- Ensure the Local Referees Association branch is informed of the incident to allow further support to be offered

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE MATCH OFFICIAL:

- Arrange for a member of the Referee Development Team to attend and support at a personal hearing if one is requested
- Ensure regular contact is made with the Match Official before and after a possible hearing
- Provide details on the outcome of the personal hearing if relevant and requested for by the Match Official

Any Match Official who is subject to physical contact or is assaulted must ring the Referee Support Hotline (0330 122 2932) to make the Association aware and we strongly advise reporting the matter to the Police.