



# Hills Football Incorporated

## Vested Officials – Roles & Responsibilities Policy

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The intent of this policy is to provide some clarity around Vested Officials to Member Clubs for Winter Season Football.

All Clubs and Teams participating in a Match sanctioned by Hills Football must provide a minimum of one persons to act in the role of “Vested Official”.

Vested Officials must:

- (a) be 18 years of age or older
- (b) wear clothing that readily identifies them as a Vested Official (Fluro vest)
- (c) patrol all fields used throughout the relevant match(s) and ensure they are located in positions where they are clearly visible to Participants and which are appropriate for monitoring on-field and off-field incidents and Spectator behaviour;
- (d) Make themselves clearly visible to the Match Officials prior to the commencement of a Match and ensure their names are displayed on the applicable team sheet.
- (e) accompany Match Officials on and off the field of play if required or appropriate to do so
- (f) ensure that, at all times, their Spectators comply with the FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour (Code of Behaviour), The Hills Football Spectator code of behavior and all other relevant codes of conducts prescribed by Hills Football. If their Spectators are behaving contrary to the Code of Behaviour, a Jacketed Official must, if it is safe to do so, remind those Spectators of their obligations under the Code of Behaviour and issue any reasonable directions to those Spectators, including a direction to leave the venue. If those Spectators fail to comply with the Vested Official’s reasonable directions, he/she should, contact the home Club representative for further assistance. If required the home Club official representative is to contact the police or relevant emergency services for support.
- (g) NOT be involved in other duties while acting as a Vested Official (not refereeing, coaching, managing, canteen duties etc);
- (h) not engage in any verbal or physical altercations;
- (i) not consume alcohol or smoke while acting as a Vested Official;
- (j) not, unless it is safe to do so, approach opposition Spectators behaving inappropriately and must instead approach opposition Vested Officials to resolve any issues. If opposition Vested Officials are unwilling or unable to assist, and opposition Spectators continue to behave inappropriately, the Vested



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(k) within 48 hours of a Match, provide a written report to Hills Football setting out any inappropriate Spectator behaviour, including any failure by a Spectator to comply with a Vested Official's reasonable direction and/or any failure by opposition Vested Officials to provide assistance in controlling opposition Spectators;

**Any Person or Club that does not comply with this policy or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and is subject to sanction under the HFI disciplinary and grievance regulations, which is available on the HFI website.**