



## THE RFL

### MATCH OFFICIALS DEPT

#### OFF-FIELD MATCH OFFICIAL GUIDELINES 2019

1. Each Match Official with responsibility for carrying out interchanges will be allocated a bib to identify him/her as the relevant official. This bib must be worn at all times when the Official is on the field of play or technical area.
2. Any Official carrying out the role of Reserve Referee, Reserve Touch Judge or Interchange Official (“Off-Field Officials”) will:
  - a. Police the technical area and ensure compliance with the RFL Match Day Operations Manual;
  - b. Administer the Interchange Process in accordance with the Match Day Operations Manual;
  - c. Assist the Match Official team with administration of scores, dismissals and other information required;
  - d. Keep a record of all incidents that may require reports being submitted to the RFL;
  - e. Assist the Match Commissioner with matters such as Concussion Assessment administration and timings;
  - f. Control the return to play of players whether through the Interchange Policy, following a Concussion Assessment or following a temporary dismissal (which shall include controlling the timing of the temporary dismissal)
  - g. Uphold the Laws of the Game and other off field protocols as set out from time to time;
  - h. Inform the RFL, either through the Match Commissioner, match day Referee or where appropriate directly, about alleged Misconduct or other breaches of RFL Operational Rules or the RFL Operations Match Day Manual. They should also submit a written report to the compliance manager by 9:00 a.m. on the first business day following the match.
  - i. Comply with the reasonable instructions of the match day Referee and/or Match Commissioner;



- j. Only comment on incidents that have occurred on the field of play when asked by the on-field Match Officials; and
    - k. Provide refreshments to the on-field Match Officials when possible during the game.
  3. Should an incident occur on the touchline or near to the technical area then the Off-Field Officials should try to prevent players and other match day personnel from leaving the technical area (without physically touching them) whilst remaining within the technical area. Off-Field Officials should maintain sight of the technical area rather than observing the on field incident.
  4. Off-Field Officials must inform the match day Referee and Match Commissioner of the identity of any person who leaves the technical area to become involved in an incident or who has carried out a breach of any rules. They may not report incidents of foul play that they have witnessed other than if these involve a player or official who at the time was not permitted to be on the field of play.
  5. Off-Field Officials must not:
    - a. Enter the field of play during the match except as set out in this Policy;
    - b. Man-handle or physically restrain players and/or officials;
    - c. Engage in confrontation with players and/or officials;
    - d. Off-Field officials must not accept abuse or harassment before, during or after carrying out their duties from players or officials, and should report such abuse as described above.



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