



NSDRLRA

Life Member Profile

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Life Member 39: 2019

Membership: since 1999



Honours

Life Membership: 2019

John Quinn Trophy: 2010 & 2012

Refereeing Accreditation: level 3 - Referee and level 2 - Referee coach

Executive Positions Held

Executive Officer, Director of Coaching and Development

Association Positions Held

Webmaster, Gear Steward, Coaching Staff, Advisory Board, Sponsorship Committee and the John Quinn (Bob Purcell Trophy) Committee

Comments - A Brief Survival Guide to Refereeing Park Football

Training: There is no prize for being a hero at training. Don't push yourself too hard, just stay at the back of the pack (but not at the very back). Always remember you have to go to Macca's afterwards for debriefing.

Presentation: If you look like a referee then you are halfway there. Make sure your boots are clean (if not head to the nearest puddle when the advisor turns up to the ground). Remember to pack your gear the night before the game. A number of referees have been known to forget shorts, jerseys, socks, deodorant, whistles, flags and even boots!

Punctuality: It is important to be at the ground on time. I aim to get to the ground at least 30 minutes before kick-off so I can sit down and try to relax before the game.

The Game: Keep up with the play, be consistent and stay focused. The hardest part of the game to referee is five minutes before and after halftime.

Rules: It is important to learn the rules. Even if you don't know them then at least act as if you do. Some players (especially forwards) will believe anything.

Decisions: Do not apologise to players for any wrong decisions made. Learn from them and make sure you don't do the same mistake again.



The Dreaded All-in-Brawl: It is inevitable that as you make your way up the ranks you are going to experience an "all-in-brawl" sooner or later. When it does happen stand back, look for the runners and remember the shirt numbers, especially if you are a 'touchie' running on to help (keep an eye on the player with a rat's tail as there will always be someone itching to pull it)

Last of All Have Fun: If you're not having fun then you have to ask yourself why you are doing this? You certainly wouldn't do it for the money. Good luck and see you on the paddock!