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TO: All Clubs
FROM: Alan Marquez
DATE: 24th August
SUBJECT: Senior Football Requirements

Dear Colleagues,

It has been brought to our attention that Clubs are failing to comply with minimum standards and CMC rules regarding Canteen facilities and Ground Officials duties. Football Gold Coast would like to remind clubs of the requirements when participating in these divisions.

Canteen:

Clubs are required to provide the following (as per minimum standards): -

Premier League & Coast League – A properly constructed canteen shall be located within the grounds and must be open during all scheduled fixtures. This canteen shall meet all relevant public health and hygiene standards and shall be equipped to supply a reasonable variety of food and drinks

Metro and Junior divisions – Clubs must offer food and beverages from a facility which shall meet all relevant public health and hygiene standards.

Ground Officials:

Clubs are required to provide the following (as per cmc rules 4.1.5 Ground Officials): -

Competition	Ground Official Requirement
Premier League & Coast League	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official AWAY Club to provide ONE Ground Official
Mid Week Metro	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official
Junior Competition	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official AWAY Club to provide ONE Ground Official
MiniRoos (Under 8-11)	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official per 2 fields being utilized.

The Ground Official(s) must provide an escort to all match officials on and off the pitch prior to kick-off, at half time and full time. The Ground Official(s) must, at the conclusion of the first half and full time, meet the referee and his/her assistants on the field at a designated area as agreed with the referee prior to the game.

Club Officials must be a minimum of 18 years to officiate in any age or division.

Ground Officials are not allowed on the field of play during the game without the permission of the referee.

If Ground Officials are not provided by kick off, the Referee will abandon the game and the non-offending team declared the winner and the offending team fined as per CMC Rule 2.2.



Ground Officials are responsible for the following: -

- (a) Before the Match the Ground Official
 - Check the Referee's room and make sure it is clean and comfortable.
 - Upon arrival of the Referee's, make known to them that you are the Ground Official in case they need assistance a minimum of 15 minutes prior to kick off.
 - If an Official Referee is not present, ensure that a Referee is arranged either by the Club or by consent of the two teams playing.
 - Check with the equipment officer that an alternate strip is available if required.
 - Ensure payment of Referee fees in the Referee's room.
 - Ensure that three (3) appropriate match balls are available for the Referee.
 - Lock/Unlock the Referee's room as required or provide the Referee with keys.
 - Escort the Referee and Assistant Referee's to the field of play.

- (b) During the Match Ground Officials
 - Ground Official to carry out rounds of whole of ground and address any inappropriate behavior.
 - Ensure that the spectators behaviour is orderly and is not abusive to the Referee or his assistants, players or other spectators.
 - Remain in close proximity to the area agreed to with the match Referee as they may be called upon by the Referee to deal with any issues affecting the game in process on the field.
 - Direct and assist any ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person.
 - The Ground Official must, at the half time break, meet the Referee and his/her assistants on the field at a designated area as agreed with the Referee prior to the game.
 - Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees from the field of play
 - Be of assistance wherever possible.