



BUILDING A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

How do we as a club support female referees?

- ▶ All stakeholders involved in your club must have RESPECT for officials
- ▶ Some things your club can do include:
 - ask players to leave if behaving disrespectfully
 - show zero tolerance for abusive or foul language on sidelines, language by players/coaching staff
 - Have and uphold codes of conduct for coaches, players and spectators

- ▶ Regular conversations with female referees regarding experiences, challenges and achievements
- ▶ Mentoring of female junior referees by senior female referees
- ▶ Ensuring senior referees/ match officials are on duty or available when young or new female referees are refereeing
- ▶ Running workshops that focus on skills to be a good referee not just to know the rules/laws

Most officials will have challenging experiences

during their referee career. Clubs and associations can contribute to the prevention of abuse by:

- ▶ Nurture a positive culture of respect for referees
- ▶ Referee coaches/coordinators at venues
- ▶ Have a designated person to support referees, (e.g. have person on the committee who can be responsible for referee recruitment, player education related to referees and positively promote referees in their club/association)

Key Areas identified by FFA in consultation with officials

At FFA, we appreciate the amount of time and effort our community referees dedicate to growing the game of Football. During our time liaising with a large number of

referees, we've identified some key topics where advice is often sought after.

A referee that is skilled in these key areas in combination with having a great understanding of the Laws of the Game is able to provide an enjoyable experience to all involved. We encourage all Referees to read into the topics below:

Dealing with Conflict; Communication; Health and Fitness; Mental Strength. Please visit the link below for further information on the above headings

<http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/index.php?id=194>