



Ground Manager: Guidelines and Responsibilities

This is a part of the game where frequent problems arise. However, we cannot afford to ignore our obligations in this area. The Ground Manager plays a vital role on game day.

Seniors

- As in the past, it is mandatory that all visiting clubs provide a Ground Manager to assist the home club during each game.
- Both the home and away Ground Managers must wear their identifying vest and are expected to assist each other.

Juniors

- Home clubs have many grounds to look after.
- To cover each ground, clubs are required to appoint a field manager. In the past this been quite successful and has assisted the ground manager in carrying out their responsibilities. We must continue to ensure these roles are filled each week, for the wellbeing of the game.

Field Manager's Responsibilities (Juniors only)

- Field Managers are to be appointed to each field to assist the Ground Manager. They have the same responsibility controlling the field as a Ground Manager with only difference being, they only control one field not several. They may call upon the Ground Manager at any time for assistance if required.
- They should be familiar with the guidelines for Ground Managers.
- Field Managers should not be appointed to timekeeping as this will not allow them the freedom to move around and fulfil their duty.



Ground Managers' Responsibilities

- Thoroughly check that the ground and immediate surrounds are safe for play
- Check that there are no dangerous objects on the field
- Check that the field is correctly roped off
- Be present and available at all times, wearing the Ground Manager's vest.
- Introduce himself/herself to Opposing Club officials, and Referees.

Important: It is imperative that the home Ground Manager converses with the visiting officials. The Home club must organise a Field Manager (juniors) who is also required to wear a vest as per CRRL guidelines.

- Location of sin bin area and timekeepers should be pointed out to the Manager of each team.
- Ensure safety of Referees and Touch Judges when entering or leaving field of play.
- Ensure that games start on time and that timekeeping equipment is in working order.
- Only allow the designated personnel into the Official Area set aside within the "Playing Area", i.e. replacement players, Coaches, Trainers and Managers. While officials are in this area, they are not to leave the boundaries unless required.
- Exercise control over behaviour of officials from both clubs, as per the NRL Code of Conduct.
https://www.playrugbyleague.com/media/9949/2020nrl-dev19_code_of_conduct_v4.pdf
- Take steps to control behaviour of unruly spectators, as per the NRL Code of Conduct.

Note: The Ground Manager is not at any time to be put in a situation which would place him/her in harm's way. Safety is first and foremost. If an incident evolves, approach the offenders in a polite manner requesting they behave.



If refusal or abuse is given, you have the right to ask the person/s to leave the ground. If this is refused, approach the Referee, requesting that the game be stopped until the person/s responsible remove themselves. If the situation remains the same, then the game is to be terminated and the local police are to be informed.

- Incident Report Forms must be available for the recording of any significant incidents. A copy of the form can be found here: <https://www.raiders.com.au/siteassets/crrl/forms/incident-report-form.pdf>

Note: Due to the current COVID-19 situation, no Leaguesafe personnel will be allowed on the field at anytime except to run the kicking tee out. Trainers/FAO's can enter the field of play at any time to treat an injured player but must not take water bottles with them.