



## 2013 BRLRA Guidelines League Safe Officers and Minimum Requirements

No referee shall commence a game unless the following minimum guidelines are met:

1. The referee has identified 2 duty officials in appropriate clothing. One representing each team. Should the away team not be able to provide one the home team must provide both. The home side Duty Official is to be inside the fence and visible at all times to the referee and crowd. They should escort the referee from the field at half and full time to the referees change room. The away team Duty Official should be where the majority of their spectators are.
2. Goal post pads.
3. The playing field has a boundary for player safety.
4. The playing area must be cleared of spectators or anything unsafe.

Should item 1 not be achieved the referee will call on the Ground Manager for assistance.

Should item 2, 3, or 4 not be achieved the referee will call on the Duty Officials to rectify. If unable to rectify, the referee will seek out the Ground Manager for assistance.

Should any of the above minimum standards still not occur after the referee has exhausted the assistance available the game shall be terminated and a report forwarded to the League via the BRLRA Secretary.

Duty Officials should at all times take action to stop or prevent abuse or violence in the crowd.

Should it get excessive the Duty Official should alert the Referee immediately so play can be temporarily suspended to allow the Duty Official to address it. Should it not be able to be controlled the Referee will terminate the game and a report forwarded to the League.

Guidelines for League Safe Officers:

- Only one trainer per team is permitted on the field unless heat guidelines have been enacted during general play. A second trainer may bring water after a try has been scored or the referee stops play for an injury **NOT A CAUTION**.
- The Trainer is to deliver water to players not coach either on the field or standing behind the dead ball line.
- The Trainer must leave field as soon as team loses possession and return to their reserve bench area
- Trainers are not permitted to loiter on the field in back play, travel along the sideline, stand behind the dead ball line or take up a position on the other side of the field.
- Trainer must not unnecessarily cause delays in the game i.e. No water at scrums.
- Trainers must comply with all directions given to them by the Referee, Official Touch Judge, Duty Officials or Ground Manager.
- Trainers are always permitted to enter the field to treat an injured player.



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Referees procedures in the event of a breach:

- First instance: Referee will verbally instruct trainer of breach, on the run if possible, or may temporarily stop play, but only after an actual stoppage in the play takes place i.e. knock-on/ tackle/scrum etc and issue a caution. however no major meeting needs to take place.
- Second instance: Referee will stop play and call League safe officer over to them and highlight breach and indicate to trainer that the next breach will result in them being replaced
- Third instance: Referee stops game, calls Duty Official onto field and instructs them to remove the trainer. The trainer must leave the playing area.

In all cases referees are to address the League Safe, duty official or ground manager with a respectful tone as too not make the situation inflammatory regardless of what has been said to them. And when called upon to act Duty Officials & Ground Managers are not to dispute the request of the referee.

Should the Duty Official not be able to do this the referee will seek the assistance of the Ground Manager.

Should the trainer still either A: Refuse to leave or B: Re-enter the field the game will be terminated.

Should a referee need to stop the game and address the trainer (Second instance) this will be noted on the game card.

Should the referee have cause to replace a trainer or terminate the game a letter will be sent to the Junior League via the association secretary for investigation by the GBJRL

A Referees first avenue for support will be the home team Duty Official. If the referee feels the Duty Official is unwilling or unable to provide the assistance required they will call on the Ground Manager to assist or replace the Duty Official. If any problem still cannot be fixed the game will be terminated and a report will be submitted to the league via the BRLRA Secretary.