



Pitch Staff – Roles and Responsibilities

For each game played during the AFL Switzerland season, four (4) volunteers will be designated to make sure all matches run on time and smoothly.

The following four (4) roles are required for each match. For seniors matches, they are provided by the **two resting teams (two volunteers each)**. For the reserves match and women's match, each of the four clubs provides **1 volunteer each**.

1. Pitch Manager (1)

Responsible for coordinating the team of volunteers at their designated ground ensuring there is 1 x Assistant Pitch Manager, 2 x Goal Umpires. Pitch Managers ensure that Field Umpires and teams are ready for their game.

Tasks include:

- Time keeping of matches (quarters/halves and breaks) signalled with siren
- Score keeping
- Manage team interchange
- Completing match day paperwork
- Liaising with umpires and coaches regarding any issues

2. Assistant Pitch Manager (1)

Tasks include:

- Assisting Pitch Manager wherever possible and fill any roles as required.
- Ensuring teams, goal umpires and field umpires are ready to take the pitch after the previous match concludes
- Keeping the match running on time
- Providing goal umpires with flags and score cards and collecting them post-match

3. Goal Umpires (2)

Tasks include:

- Goal umpiring of matches
- Signalling
- Score keeping

Key Rules and Regulations

Timings:

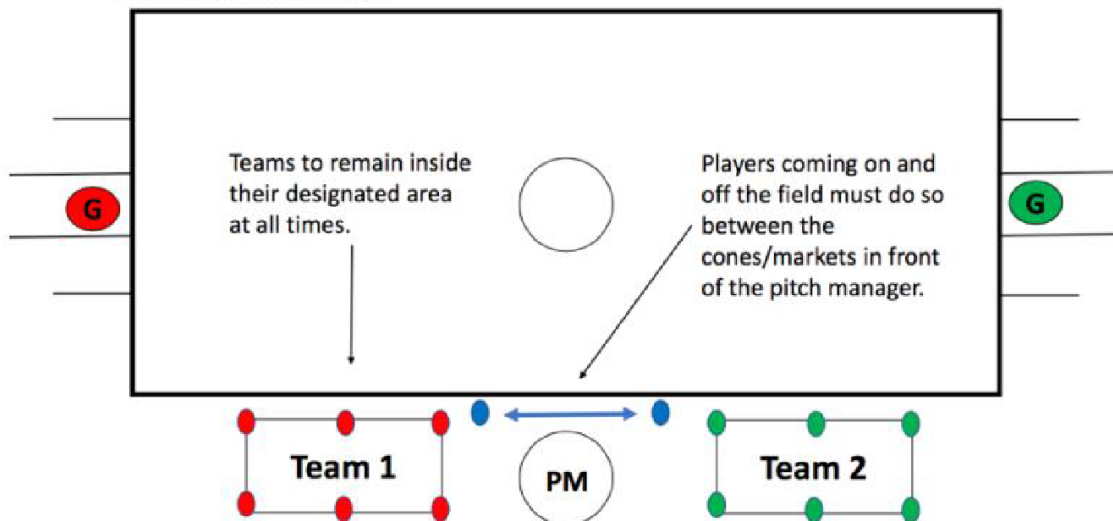
- Unless indicated, **reserves matches** are played with 15-minute quarters. Quarter time breaks are 5 minutes. Half time is 10 minutes.
- Unless indicated, **senior matches** will be played with 18-minute quarters. Quarter time breaks are 6 minutes. Half time is 12 minutes.
- There is no time added on, unless there is an excessive delay in play due to injury or other incident. The Field Umpire will indicate when time should be added on (i.e. the clock is to be stopped).

Team Runner:

- Each team is permitted one (1) runner to relay coaches messages and/or provide water and they should be adequately identified with a club training bib.
- Runners should leave the field promptly and not 'linger' on field.
- Runners must enter and exit the field through the interchange area.

Interchange:

- During matches substitute players and coaches must remain in the designated team box.
- When players are substituting on and off the field, they must do so through the designated area at the centre line.
- No player may come on the field before the replaced player has left the field.



Match Penalties:

Red Card

Any player shown a red card will be ordered off the field for the remainder of the match. This player will not be replaced and therefore his/her team will play with one less player for the duration of the match. The player will be unable to play remaining matches throughout the match day.

The Pitch Manager will be required to report this red card incident (including player name, team and number) to the League Secretary immediately following the conclusion of the match.

Yellow Card

Any player shown a yellow card will be ordered off the field for a ten (10) minute period for all other reportable offences. This player will not be replaced and therefore his/her team will play with one less player for the ten (10) minute duration.

The Pitch Manager shall be responsible for administering the ten (10) minute period. The Player need not be reported to be ordered from the field.

The Pitch Manager will be required to report this yellow card incident (including player name, team and number) to the League Secretary immediately following the conclusion of the match.

Multiple Yellow Cards

Any player who receives a second yellow card during a match day will be required to leave the field of play for the remainder of the current match. The player may not be replaced for the initial 10 minutes, however after this time, the coach may replace this player with another (the offending player will not be permitted to re-join the field). The offending player will be permitted to play the remaining matches throughout the tournament providing no further offences against him/her take place.

The Pitch Manager will be required to report this yellow card incident (including player name, team and number) to the League Secretary immediately following the conclusion of the match.