

The changing face of football includes more and more females refereeing the men's game. In fact, the game encourages females to join the refereeing ranks and in Queensland they are a huge part of the game.

When we do something successfully there is usually something that must be compromised and that's the use of the dressing rooms. In the present day many Referees, both male and female, go to a game half-dressed (IE already wearing appropriate under garments.)

However sometimes that doesn't happen and one of the officials, either male or female has to use the shower or toilet facilities. It means in some cases, that there is a lack of privacy for either party which could be embarrassing and that is not necessary. The solution is very simple but needs a huge dose of common sense.

Effective immediately it is expected that where there are both male and female referees appointed to the same fixture that should either a male or female referee choose to use the shower and/or toilet facilities and those facilities are not separated by a door or wall, then the remaining members of the team should vacate the room. It is also expected that the senior referee in the team should take charge of these arrangements.

Should any of these situations occur in the future and you need clarification, please contact your Zone referee coach/administrator or my self

Kind Regards

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