



FOOTBALL
QUEENSLAND

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This checklist is to guide referees through the matchday protocols to be observed during Stage 5 of the Queensland Government's roadmap to easing COVID-19 restrictions.

This should be used in conjunction with Government advice and Football Queensland's latest Return to Play guidelines.

Any person showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend clubs/venues, training sessions or matches and should seek medical advice.

Referee Matchday Protocol Checklist	
General Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Download COVIDSafe app. <input type="checkbox"/> If you feel unwell or display COVID-19 symptoms, stay at home and contact your appointments officer ASAP. <input type="checkbox"/> Wash/sanitise hands regularly, including before games and at half-time and full-time. <input type="checkbox"/> Do not share or borrow equipment (e.g. drinks bottles, clothes, whistles, hats, pens, clipboards). <input type="checkbox"/> Observe social distancing (1.5 metres) and good hygiene practices (e.g. no spitting, cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when sneezing/coughing). <input type="checkbox"/> Note that change rooms, referee rooms, benches and dugouts are considered the field of play, therefore occupant density requirements do not have to be met in these areas.
Before Matches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Arrive at ground 1 hour before KO wearing black slacks and referee polo. <input type="checkbox"/> Clean hands at hand sanitiser stations or in bathrooms. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in and find ground official and confirm whether referee room or designated staging area is to be used. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask ground official to confirm whether referee room showers can be used. <input type="checkbox"/> If required, use referee room/staging area/bathrooms to change into match shirt after assessing team/GK colours. <input type="checkbox"/> Leave bags in referee room. <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct 5-10 minute pre-match warm-up in line with FQ guidance.
During Matches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Remind players to follow protocols and to drink water if spitting or coughing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Return to and remain in referee room/staging area at half-time while maintaining social distancing. <input type="checkbox"/> Only take/handle one match ball at half-time (ground official to monitor spare balls). <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitise hands at half-time. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete team sheets up to this point. Do not share pens or clipboards.
<p>After Matches</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Leave field at full-time as promptly as possible. <input type="checkbox"/> Return to referee room/staging area and cover referee wear with Kappa FQ jacket if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> Only use showers if approved by ground official. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalise team sheets in referee room/staging area at full-time. Do not share pens or clipboards. Take pictures of both team sheets (medium resolution only) and complete online match sheet (FQ competitions only). <input type="checkbox"/> Leave venue in same attire or cover with jacket/tracksuit unless you have showered and changed. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that anyone who does not have access to the field of play does not enter the referee room. This includes the matchday coach (assessor) and/or mentor. <input type="checkbox"/> If referee assessment has taken place, debrief must occur offsite. <input type="checkbox"/> Wash/clean all used kit/equipment before next use.
<p>Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FQ Referee Website <input type="checkbox"/> FQ Return to Play Guidelines (Stage 5) <input type="checkbox"/> COVID Safe Industry Plan for Field Sports <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> COVIDSafe app <input type="checkbox"/> Online match sheet for FQ competitions