



MATCH OFFICIAL CHANGEROOM ETIQUETTE POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy sets the state-wide standard for all match officials when mixed genders and/or ages are required to use the same changeroom. The purpose of the policy is to protect the dignity and avoid embarrassment for match officials when using changerooms.

RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

The policy applies to **ALL** match officials who utilise changeroom at the same time, irrespective of whether the officials are officiating on the same game.

Match officials include referees, assistant referees, 4th officials, additional assistant referees, assessors, coaches, and administrators.

APPLICATION

All match officials reserve the right to use the changeroom (not the toilet or shower cubicle) to get changed (pants, shirts) in preparation for officiating and feel comfortable to do so. To ensure this is the case, other match officials should vacate the changeroom and rotate until all officials are ready.

It is considered acceptable for same age and gender groups to change at the same time.

After all match officials have changed into appropriate clothing, all officials can utilise the changeroom to finalise getting ready – putting on boots, shoes and preparing equipment.

The same procedure applies should warmup shirts be worn.

ORDER OF USE

Changerooms should be used per the application of this policy in the following order:

1. Under 18 Female Match Official/s
2. Under 18 Males Match Official/s
3. Female Match Official/s
4. Male Match Official/s

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Please contact your local Referee Coach & Development Officer (RC&DO) with any questions or to make a complaint. Contact details can be found [here](#). The RC&DO will escalate the complaint to the FQ Senior Officer – Referee Development if required.