

Match Day Delegate (MDD): Guide

Every team in Youth Football (at both home and away matches) must provide a Match Day Delegate. Match Day Delegates are required to wear the a Hi-Viz vest and be in place at least 15 minutes ahead of kick off.



MDD Role:

- Before kick off, the home MDD is responsible for ensuring that there is a Respect Line (or a line of cones) in place.
- The home MDD will ask their opponents who their Match Delegate is, make introductions to create a polite and friendly atmosphere for the game, should advise on the location of facilities and state that supporters are required to stand behind the Respect Line. Supporters cannot view the game from behind the goal.
- Each MDD should introduce themselves to the referee as soon as the referee arrives. The referee will make a note of the MDDs' names. If the opposition does not have an MDD, the other MDD should raise this with the referee.
- MDDs are responsible for the opposition's pre-game player registration checks.
- During the game, each MDD is responsible for the behaviour of their coaches and their supporters NOT the opposition's. If the referee needs to, during a stoppage in play, they may approach the MDDs to assist them in dealing with any problems that have occurred.
- The home MDD looks after the referee before, during and after the game until they leave the ground, directing them to the correct pitch and ensuring that their fees are paid. At the end of the game, it is also good practice for the home MDD to ensure that the referee leaves the ground safely - a club official can also perform this task.
- Only the MDD can approach the referee after the game should there be a concern/query.

The FA Respect campaign must be considered by the Match Delegate at all times.

To report poor behaviour, not in line with the FA Respect Campaign, contact the Club Welfare Team childwelfare@harpencolts.com who will liaise with the FA or League on behalf of the Club.

Yellow and Red cards can now be issued to team officials for misconduct during the game

If an offence occurs and the team official cannot be identified, the lead team official who is representing the team during the game will receive the penalty.

