

LET'S HAVE A CHAT... CALLING ALL CAPTAINS!

Football South Australia is committed to providing a safe environment, free of harassment and abuse for all participants of our game. As leaders, you play a vital role in helping us achieve this aim.

As the leader of participants on and off the field. **YOU** have a key role as the **captain** *Leading the Team*.

*"It's not enough to be a great player to be a captain. You have to be a great leader who commands and shows **Respect**."*

FABIO CAPELLO [Former England Manager]

It is essential that **YOU** play your part and always follow the Code of Conduct and set the standards for the rest of your team.

THE ROLE OF THE CAPTAIN

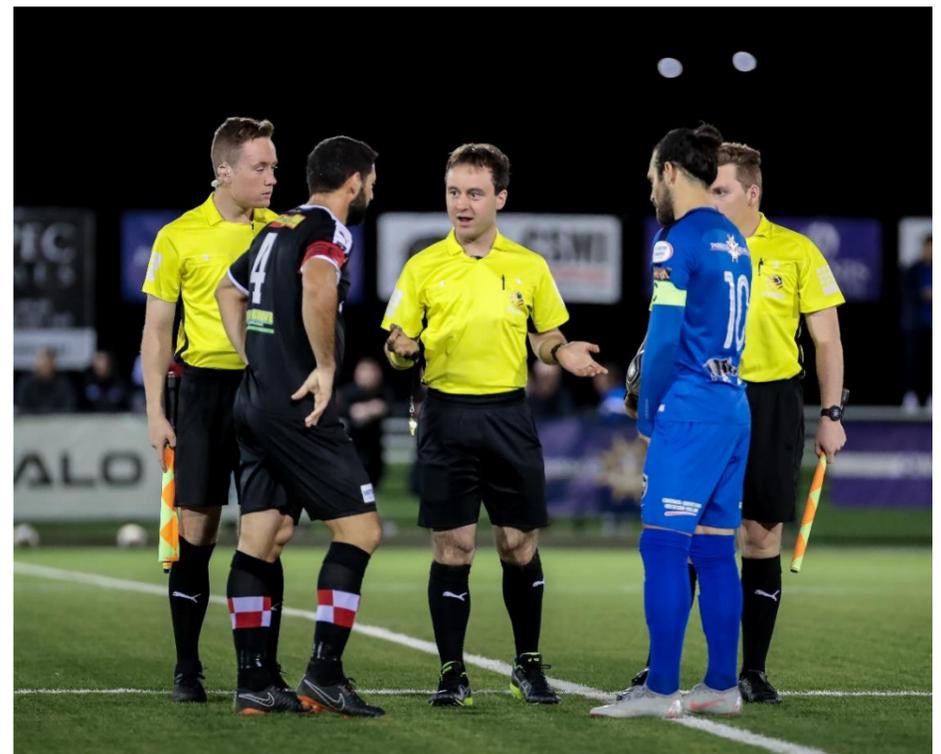
As captain your team sees you as a leader, as a role model, someone they look up to. This role, and your status amongst your teammates, carries significant responsibility.

Captains must lead from the front, if there is a decision made by the Referee, only you, as Captain should approach the Referee. This does not mean that the Referee can only speak to the captain. The referee can address other players as required to assist with game management.

The role of the captain will be to work with the Referee to manage the players and the game effectively. When required the referee will involve the captain in discussions but this will not be required for every incident that occurs in the game.

Here are some examples of the role of the captain:

1. The Referee may ask the captain to speak to a player who is continually offending and runs the risk of being cautioned or dismissed.
2. The Referee may request that the captain try to calm down a player who has been involved in a challenge and is agitated.
3. The Referee may ask both captains to speak to their players due to the poor behaviour of players.



REQUIREMENT OF CAPTAINS ON GAME DAY

1. Introduce yourself to the Referee prior to the game.
2. Ensure that all players are aware of and understand their responsibilities.
3. Ensure you lead by example by role modelling appropriate behaviour.
4. Follow the directions of the Referee.
5. Deal to the best of your ability with any poor behaviour shown by your players.

Additionally, a vice-captain should be appointed and made aware of the role of the captain in case the appointed captain is not on the field of play.

