Officials’ Duty of Supervision

Responsibilities of regional team officials at state championships/Inter-regional carnivals/invitational meets include:

1. At all times team officials must display exemplary conduct as a model for students. Where possible, team officials should wear the team uniform to help team members, billeting families and championship officials identify them. The official’s team uniform must be worn for the official team photograph.

2. The Duty of Care responsibilities to students is exercised through being at the championship venue at all times while team members are in attendance and should be supervised to a level that would satisfy a prudent parent / guardian.

Team officials must assist the regional team to perform to their optimum level of ability by:

3. Developing awareness of opposition team / players level of ability and perceived strengths and weaknesses relative to their own team / players through viewing all relevant matches.

4. Ensure all players in the regional team receives appropriate playing time and have the opportunity to play in their preferred position on sufficient occasions to allow selectors to be aware of their ability. All players should have at least 50% of overall playing time.

5. Adhere to the state championship organising committees arrangements with billeting families and do not attempt to negotiate alternative arrangements with billet families, either for management reasons or on behalf of the billeted student’s parents, unless prior approval for such changes has been given by the organising committee.

6. Fulfil “in loco parentis” responsibility to team members outside of championship competition hours. Billeting is offered to students who are unable to make private accommodation arrangements for the financial and social benefit to the student and also to prevent staff having to be directly responsible for student supervision for 24 hours per day. However, having students in billet accommodation does not remove the regional official’s in loco parentis responsibility to team members and at least one team official must be able to respond immediately to requests from host families or to billeting issues raised by the championship organising committee at all times.
7. Please ensure that your conduct and participation in activities outside of competition hours does not diminish your ability to meet the requirements expected of a regional team official.

8. Be aware that while officiating with a regional sport team the same requirements and guidelines that apply as an employee of Education Queensland during interaction with students in a classroom or school based situation still apply in a sport context even if it is not in a school environment.

9. When talking to and otherwise interacting with members of the regional team, whether before, during or after a game, be mindful of the Code of Conduct and Student Protection Policy which can be located on the Northern Region School Sport website at www.northernsport.eq.edu.au

10. The issues of physical, emotional and psychological harm to students all need to be considered during your dealings with Regional Team Members.

11. On occasions managers and coaches may be required to accompany students on billet runs.

12. Where possible, team officials should wear the team uniform to help team members, billeting families and championship officials identify them. The official’s team uniform must be worn for the official team photograph.

13. Team officials should keep their Regional School Sport Officer informed of any extraordinary situations.