

ARDBOE O'DONOVAN ROSSA – MATCH DAY POLICY

- The following policy applies to home fixtures at senior and reserve level
- In the interest of safety for players and officials, **no** patrons, members or general supporters are to access the pavilion premises¹ during match days.
- Only the following personnel are authorised to access these premises:
 - Players and Team Management²
 - Match day officials – Referee, Linesmen and Umpires
 - Tea ladies sub-committee
 - Executive committee members (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer)
 - Premises steward(s)³
 - Video camera man (often located on external fire exit steps)

Officiating team

The committee will formulate and agree upon an officiating team each year. This team should comprise of:

- A club refereeing official(s) (team leader) in order to educate volunteers and enhance the professionalism of their officiating. It will be their duty to organise and implement their teams to the respective games.
- A minimum of 9 people (3 for seniors / 3 for reserves / 3 back up)

When someone on the officiating team cannot make it, the leader must organise a direct replacement from the 'back up' team. If they have exhausted all members of their team, they must approach a committee member to fill the void. This should happen the day previous to the game at the very latest.⁴

At least one member of the committee should be present at ALL competitive matches at Michael Coney Park.

NOTES:

¹ = This encompasses all rooms inside the pavilion, the fire exit steps and the concrete area leading onto the pitch. All patrons can access the external toilet facilities on match day.

² = *The concrete area is out of bounds for ALL players when senior or reserve teams are out on the pitch.* With instruction from the premises steward(s), both sets of players and management teams from the reserve game will be asked to vacate the premises 5 minutes before half time in the senior game. This will provide reserve players with adequate time for refreshments after their game and minimise the potential risk of confrontation (particularly in the concreted area). If the senior game is on prior to the reserve game, the seniors will have to leave the premises 5 minutes before half time in the reserve game.

³ = The premises steward(s) must be officially appointed by the committee. His/her primary duty is to prevent unauthorised personnel entering the premises named above. Representing the committee he/she will have the authority to refuse entry.

⁴ = In the case of a late withdrawal, the executive committee can appoint a club member to officiate.



Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa committee have the ability to overrule any of the above.

