

## Team Officials & Bench Attendants

## **Team Officials on the Bench**

- Regular season league play permits a maximum of five (5) team officials on the bench, one of which
  must be of the same gender as the team's players.
- All Team officials (coach, assistant coach and manager) <u>must</u> produce an EMSA I.D. card/e-card to be permitted on the bench. If you cannot produce an EMSA I.D. card/e-card <u>prior to the start of the game</u> you will <u>not</u> be permitted on the bench and you must sit with the spectators for the duration of the game. No other forms of I.D. will be accepted.

## **Bench Parent/Attendant**

- If you have a team official on the bench and listed on the game sheet that is the same gender as the team, then it is not mandatory that you have a bench attendant. You can still have a bench attendant if you wish to help out but they can be any gender.
- If you do not have a team official on the bench that is the same gender as the team, then it is mandatory that you have a bench attendant that is the same gender as the team.
- In situations where females play or trialist on boys' teams the team must include at least one female team official or bench attendant on the bench.
- Bench attendants must be at least 18 years of age.
- One bench attendant per game is permitted.
- At no time can a registered team official on your team (coach, assistant coach or manager) be written down on the bench attendant line of your game sheet. If a person is a registered team official that appears on your EMSA Portal Roster, then they must be marked down on one of the team official lines. The bench attendant line is only for those individuals helping out who are NOT on the roster.
- If a team official forgets their I.D. card/e-card, they cannot be marked down as a bench attendant instead. They must sit in the stands for the entire game.
- The bench attendant is included in the 5 maximum non–playing personnel on the bench. This means if you are using a bench attendant, then you can only have four (4) other team officials on the bench as the bench attendant would be the 5th.
- Bench attendants do not need an EMSA or District I.D. card, but they have to show a form of government issued photo I.D. to the referee to prove their identity for those divisions that require I.D. cards.
- If the bench attendant is removed from the game by the referee due to misconduct, the head coach or the bench attendant will serve any suspension issued.
- It is recommended that the bench attendant attend to any injured player on the field, however any team official (regardless of gender) is permitted to assist the injured player once given permission to enter the field from the referee.

Team Officials who forget their I.D. card/e-card are <u>NOT PERMITTED</u> to be put on the game sheet under the bench attendant section instead. As a team official you MUST have your card/e-card. There are NO exceptions to this and NO other forms of I.D. are accepted for team officials.