

# WAFC POL.15G Match Operations Policy: Ground Encroachment



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Match Operations Policy: Ground Encroachment
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## POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy documents the rules and procedures that are to be adhered to following encroachment of the playing arena by an unauthorised person or persons. This policy applies to all Junior and Youth football matches controlled by the WAFC and is in place to ensure the safety of all community football participants and a means of positively addressing Game Day Environment.

## RULES

GROUND ENCROACHMENT	
1	In the event of an encroachment of the area of play by unauthorised persons, or that play is prevented by any other means, the field umpire shall seek the assistance of fellow umpires and/or any member of the WAFC to clear the playing arena so that the match may be resumed. If the field umpire is unable to do this within a reasonable time, they shall terminate play at that time and report all circumstances to the WAFC. This body may award the result or declare the match abandoned, forfeited or call a replay at its discretion or in line with AFL Laws of the Game.
2	Any Club whose officials, players and club spectators are found to be responsible for the unauthorised encroachment of any playing arena (and any official, player and club spectators so responsible) shall be liable for penalty. Penalties can include but are not limited to, yellow or red cards, fines, e-points, match suspensions and deregistration.
3	The home club (or the team mentioned first in the fixture) is responsible for ground security on the match day.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations  
AFL Laws of Australian Football