

GREEN SOCKS CAMPAIGN



IF THEIR SOCKS ARE **GREEN**
THEY ARE **UNDER 18**

The "If their socks are GREEN, they are UNDER 18" campaign aims to create a positive environment for referees under the age of 18 in the Queensland Rugby League. Referees in this age group wear green socks to signify their age and status.

The campaign advocates for treating these young referees with respect, refraining from abuse, and understanding that they are still learning, just like the players. By fostering a supportive atmosphere, the campaign aims to enhance the experience for young referees and contribute to their development in officiating rugby league matches.

Key Pillars:

1 Respect

Treat young referees with the same respect you would expect for yourself or others. Their age does not diminish the importance of their role on the field.

2 Encouragement

Offer words of encouragement and support, recognizing the challenging nature of their role and the learning process they are undergoing.

3 Patience

Understand that young referees are still developing their skills and may make mistakes. Exercise patience and provide constructive feedback.

4 Role Models

Be a positive role model for young referees by demonstrating good sportsmanship and respect for officials.

5 Learning Together

Remember that everyone, including referees, is constantly learning and improving. Approach each game as an opportunity to grow and develop skills.

6 Supportive Environment

Create a supportive environment where young referees feel comfortable asking questions and seeking guidance.

7 Fair Play

Uphold the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, showing respect for the game and its participants.

8 Lead by Example

Lead by example, showing respect for all participants on the field and setting a positive tone for others to follow.

9 Feedback

Provide constructive feedback in a respectful manner, focusing on areas for improvement while acknowledging successes.

10 Enjoyment

Remember that rugby league is a game meant to be enjoyed by all. By supporting young referees, we contribute to the overall enjoyment and success of the game.