**BASIC GUIDELINES FOR CLUB LINESMEN**

1. Listen carefully to the referees briefing.
2. Start on the same side as your own team’s left back.
3. Stay level with the last defender at all times. Do not cross the half-way line.
4. Give clear flag signals to the referee. Do not take your flag down until the referee has acknowledged you.
5. DO NOT flag for or signal any fouls. Leave them to the referee. Only flag for offside or ball out of play.
6. The whole of the ball must be completely out of play. Not sure? Don’t flag.
7. Stand level with the goal line near the corner flag at corner kicks.
8. Wait a couple of seconds before flagging for offside – better late and correct than too quick and wrong. Do not take your flag down until the referee has acknowledged you.
9. Report any unacceptable behaviour or abuse towards you to the referee at the earliest opportunity.

10. **Enjoy it, you are doing a valuable job!**