



LIVERPOOL PREMIER LEAGUE

Technical Area Protocol (TAP).

Below is a Technical Area Protocol which the League believes will be a success if rolled out to all Premier Member Clubs and L4 Match Officials.

The technical area relates to matches played at grounds with a designated seated area for team officials, substitutes and substituted players as outlined below.

While the size and position of technical areas may differ between facilities, the following notes are issued for general guidance:

- a. the technical area should only extend 1m (1metre) on either side of the designated seated area and up to a distance of 1m (1 metre) from the touchline.
- b. markings should be used to define the area.
- c. the number of persons permitted to occupy the technical area is defined by the competition rules (**see below in d**)
- d. All clubs / teams' substitutes must wear the League provided (black) training bibs, a maximum of **7 substitutes, plus 3 others detailed on the pre-match team sheet** supplied to the match referee.

Match Officials Duties

- e. Pre-Game - The referee advises Club Secretary that game cannot begin until only the permitted participants are in the Technical Area namely those substitutes and club officials listed on the Team Sheet provided to the referee (maximum 10 persons **NO** spectators, children or bikes). The substitutes to remain seated and only 2 officials to be standing at any time.
- f. This action is for the appropriate Club Secretary or relevant Club Official to ensure this takes place in conjunction with his team Manager.

g. During Game Play if the Technical Area Protocol is breached then: -

(1) **ON THE FIRST OCCASION** the Referee must stop the game and inform the relevant Manager(s) or/and the person in charge, of the breach, and also inform the non-offending manager of **the** breach. **The Match Official must then advise both clubs that any further breach will result in abandonment.**

(2) **ON THE SECOND OCCASION** **th**en the referee is left with no option other to abandon the game and report the matter to the FA & LCPL