

Football Scouts

Guidance for Grassroots Football



- Professional Club Scouts (sometimes referred to as Recruitment Officers in the Premier League) should identify themselves to the Club Managers / Officials at the start of a game or training session if they are there to scout for players.
- Always approach any unidentified or suspicious adults observing matches and ask about their involvement with the game.
- If a person identifies themselves as a Club Scout always ask to see their identification; if they are unable to provide any identification ask them for their name and the person at the Club who they formally report to.
- If they cannot provide identification or contact details for verification and choose to stay at the game / training session ensure that they are not left on their own.
- If you have any reason to be suspicious of their actions or intent contact the Club for verification of the ID where it has been given; where there is no ID you may wish to ask them to leave or contact the police.
- Report as soon as is realistically possible to your CFA Welfare Officer the name of the individual who has claimed to be a Scout and the Club that they claimed to be working for where no identification has been provided or where you have reason to doubt the validity of the ID.