



TECHNICAL AREA DIRECTIVE

8.25 In all Competition Matches, the number of Clubs Players and officials seated on the team benches, in the designated technical area, must not exceed 11 unless the team bench facility provides more than 11 individual seats.

Please note that for Season 2026/27 and following a consultation process with the Member Clubs*, only 8 persons - 3 team management (team manager, assistant team manager and medical person) and 5 substitutes are allowed in the dug-out (technical area) for matches played under the jurisdiction of North West Counties Football League.

8.26 Only one person at a time has the authority to convey tactical instructions to the Players during the match from within the technical area.

8.27 All team officials and substitutes seated on the bench shall be listed on the official Team Sheet when it is submitted to the Match Officials. Only those persons listed on the official Team Sheet shall be permitted in the technical area.

8.28 The occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct by occupants of this area will be reported by the Referee to The FA, who shall have the power to impose sanctions as deemed fit. Any occupant dismissed from the technical area shall immediately go to the dressing room and remain so they cannot view the remainder of the game.

8.29 With the exception of the team manager, the team coach and any substitutes who are warming up or warming down, all other personnel are to remain seated on the trainer's bench. The team manager or team coach is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team.

8.30 [All occupants of the technical area must wear the corporate bench kit supplied to each Member Club. The only exception would be the Team manager who will be allowed to wear suits and overcoats not displaying any sponsorship logos. [Corporate bench kit supplied to each Member Club must also be worn by the players and staff in warm-ups and warm-downs, and where possible in media interviews on match days]. Failure to wear the bench kit will result in a fine.]

Note: Clubs will receive 3 corporate bench kit from the League's Technical Sportswear provider Macron free of charge each season. Any replacement or additional kit required is charged.

By order of the Management Committee