



## TECHNICAL AREA DIRECTIVE

8.22.1 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. **If there are less than 11 seats the number of persons allowed in the technical area, including substitutes is reduced pro-rata. The technical area includes the dug-out. If the dug-out is 4 metres in length a maximum of 8 people (0.5 metre per person) is allowed.**

**Please note that from Season 2019/20 and following a consultation process with the Member Clubs, only 8 persons, ideally 3 team management (team manager, assistant team manager and medical person) and 5 substitutes are allowed in the dug-out (technical area).**

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

8.22.3 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.

8.22.4 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.

**8.22.5 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 dug out bench. The team manager or team coach is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his/her team. He/she is not allowed to move up and down the touchline**

8.22.6 [All occupants of the technical area must wear the corporate bench kit supplied to each Member Club. Failure to wear the bench kit will result in a fine. The only exception would be the Team manager who will be allowed to wear suits and overcoats not displaying any sponsorship logos].

**By order of the Management Committee**