

9. REFEREES

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- a. All official referee appointments are made by the Nepean Referees Group (NRG).
- b. If an appointed referee arrives after the designated kick-off time and the match has started using a substitute referee, the game shall proceed and the appointed referee shall not officiate for the game, nor shall they be entitled to any payment for the fixture.
- c. A referee may not be replaced during the game for any reason other than an illness or an injury that prevents them from completing their duties. In the event of a referee being unable to complete their duties, it is the responsibility of the team officials to appoint a replacement referee for the remainder of the match.
- d. In the event of such a replacement, the Match Sheet will be so marked with a notation.
- e. The referee shall commence the game as per the schedule provided by the Association.
- f. In the event of a replacement referee not being available, the match will be declared abandoned and dealt with under the Competition Secretary's Guidelines & Protocols.
- g. In the event of an official referee not attending a match, the team managers, or captains, of both teams shall agree to appoint a referee to control the game.
- h. The first preference shall be given to any accredited referee who is available and willing to officiate. The accredited referee may have (and should declare) an affiliation with one of the two clubs involved in the fixture, if an affiliation exists.
- i. Unofficial referees, if appointed to a match, must be suitably attired, carry a whistle, a time keeping device and a set of cards for use in the match.
 - i. **Host clubs are required to keep a set of red & yellow cards, whistles & a time keeping device on hand** for use by unofficial or un-appointed referees.
- j. For clarity, an unofficial referee has the same authority and responsibility of an official referee.
- k. Unofficial referees must record all cautions and send-offs on the EMS or paper match sheet and provide incident reports in all cases where a player is dismissed from the field, using the [Prescribed Form 02](#) to record send offs & [Prescribed Form 03](#) to record an incident report.
- l. No person that is currently under suspension from any football organisation, may referee a competition match as an official or unofficial referee.
- m. The referee shall record their name on the EMS and indicate whether they are official referee or an unofficial referee. Official referees are to record their FA registration number in the space provided.

9.2 REFEREES PAYMENT

- a. Football NSW Rates of pay for each season shall be advised to clubs upon receipt of the scheduled fees for the coming season. If required, NFA rates may be subject to further specific negotiations and shall be notified to clubs no later than 31st December each year. This will be the rate for the next calendar year.
- b. The Association invoices each club a 50% share of the costs associated with sanctioned referee and assistants.
- c. If a club notifies the association that a team will forfeit a competition match, they may still be invoiced 100% of the cost of a referee, due to scheduling requirements.
- d. Rules relating to Referees procedures may vary in Football NSW and inter-district competitions. Clubs are required to observe differences in rules when playing outside of the Nepean FA.