

# Section 16: Referees

This section explains how referees are appointed to fixtures and how payment is made to the referee's Association.

The aim of the Association is that all games are controlled by a person suitably qualified, licensed and currently registered with the Nepean District Soccer Referees Association Inc. (NDSRA). There is a procedure to follow when an NDSRA official referee is not appointed to a match by the NDSRA.

## Referees and Payment

1. All official referee appointments are made by the NDSRA.
2. FNSW Rates of pay for each season shall be advised to clubs within seven days of advice received from Football NSW. NDSFA rates may be subject to negotiations between NDSFA and NDSRA and shall be notified to club no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. This will be rates for the for next calendar year.
3. The Association invoices each club a 50% share of the costs associated with NDSRA supplying a referee and assistants.
4. If a club notifies the association that a team will forfeit a competition match, they may be invoiced 100% of the cost of a referee, due to scheduling requirements.
5. 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 payment.
6. A referee may not be replaced during the game for any reason other than an injury that prevents them from completing their duties.
7. In the event of a referee being unable to complete their duties, the home team shall appoint a replacement referee for the remainder of the match.
8. Clubs participating in inter-district competitions, such as the state cups, are required to pay referees on the day of the game. Fees must be paid to the local host canteen before players take the field for the match.

## Procedure When no NDSRA Referee is Appointed

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. The first preference shall be given to the Association's club referees who have been registered with the Association for the current season. Club referees are issued with identity cards and registration numbers that shall be shown upon request.

- 1.** In the absence of a NDSRA appointed referee, the hierarchy of appointments is as follows:
  - a.** A club referee registered with the Association for the current season who is supplied by the visiting team
  - b.** A club referee registered with the Association for the current season who is supplied by the host club
  - c.** An unofficial referee not registered with the Association who is mutually agreed to by the officials of the two teams.
- 2.** The referee shall commence the game as per the schedule provided by the Association.
- 3.** The referee shall print their name on the team sheet and write:
  - a.** the word "unofficial" in the space provided if the referee is an unofficial; or
  - b.** Club referee and registration number in the space provided.
- 4.** Club Referees may be appointed to matches by either the NDSRA or NDSFA. If appointed to a match under these circumstances, the club referee must inform both team managers and/or coaches that they are a club referees and must be suitably attired, carry a whistle, stopwatch and a set of cards for use in the match. They are not permitted to wear any clothing that may lead any person to believe that they are a NDSRA official referee.
- 5.** Unofficial referees, if appointed to a match, must be suitably attired, carry a whistle, stopwatch and a set of cards for use in the match.
- 6.** All club and unofficial referees must record all cautions and send-offs on the team sheet and provide incident reports in all cases where a player is dismissed from the field.
- 7.** No person that has been listed as expelled from the NDSRA may referee a competition match as an official or unofficial referee.

- 8.** A list of expelled members shall be provided to clubs each season when provided by the NDSRA.
- 9.** The Association may appoint a registered club referee to a match where no NDSRA qualified referee is appointed.
- 10.** Registered club referees shall be paid 50% of the regular scheduled Football NSW fee for the age group at which they are officiating. Both clubs participating in the match shall be invoiced by the association for 50% of the fee.