



MACARTHUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

Guidelines for Unofficial Referees

If no official referee is available to referee a scheduled match then the following should be followed.

1. Should the appointed referee not be in attendance 5 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time it is the responsibility of the home team to provide a referee and the unofficial referee must control the whole game.
2. The normal match payment fees that are due to an official referee may be offered but are not compulsory.
3. If the home team cannot find a suitable appointee the position of unofficial referee may be offered to the away team to supply a suitable person.
4. Should both teams fail to appoint a referee in accordance with MFA Constitutional rule 208.,when required, the match shall be referred to the LCC in writing within 48 hours by both Clubs involved for a decision. A fine of two (2) all age registration fees may be imposed on either or both teams involved.
5. If an unofficial referee is found and appointed to a match the clubs Ground Official will locate themselves at the halfway point between the 2 technical areas.
6. The game **MUST** start within 10 mins of the scheduled start time as determined by the MFA
7. When a match is started later than the scheduled KO time each half shall be shortened by the same time so that 2 equal periods are played and the following match can commence at the allotted time.
8. Some canteens may have red/yellow cards and these may be borrowed by an unofficial referee for the match. However if no cards are available for the match the unofficial referee **MUST** advise the coaches that a red/yellow card has been issued.
9. If a yellow or red card is issued the unofficial referee **MUST** record it on the team sheet with the appropriate codes. (See attached explanation of codes)
10. If a player is sent from the field the unofficial referee **MUST** write a report (copy attached)of the incident and send in to the MFA by 9.00am Tuesday morning following the match.

NOTE Before the start of the match, the unofficial referee should remind everyone that he /she has all the same powers of an official referee with relation to cautions and send offs.

Coaches and Managers should remind their own players and spectators of the **CODE OF CONDUCT** before the start of the match.



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UNOFFICIAL REFEREE SEND OFF REPORT

MATCH DETAILS

_____ V _____

(HOME TEAM)

(AWAY TEAM)

GRADE:

DIVISION:

PLAYERS DETAILS

NAME:

TEAM:

SHIRT #:

FFA #:

INCIDENT DETAILS

MATCH OFFICIAL DETAILS

NAME:

CLUB:

FFA #:

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