



East Berks Football Alliance

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Appointment of Referees 2021/22

EBFA - Rule 23 - Referees

23 MATCH OFFICIALS

[23-A] Referee Appointments

Registered referees (and assistant referees were approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

[23-B] No Official Appointed Procedure

In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15-year-old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.

[23-C] Assistant Referees

Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club.

[23-D] Appointed Referee's Powers

The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.

[23-E] Referee and Assistant Referee Fees

Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff inclusive of travel expenses.

Match Officials will be paid their fees by the home Club before the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. The costs for match Officials shall be shared equally by both Teams. The Away Team shall pay their share of the costs to the Home Team prior to the commencement of the match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Referees' fees	
Mini-Soccer - 5v5 Football	
Under 7 and 8	£16.00
Mini-Soccer - 7v7 Football	
Under 9 and 10	£18.00

Youth - 9v9 Football	
Under 11 and 12	£24.00
Youth - 11v11 Football	
Under 13 and 14	£26.00
Under 15 and 16	£28.00
Under 17 and 18	£32.00
Open Age U21 - 11v11 Football	
Under 21	£34.00
Assistant Referees' Fees:	
Under 11 and 12	£16.00
Under 13, 14, 15, and 16	£18.00
Under 17 and 18	£22.00
Under 21	£24.00

[23-F] Fixture Not Played and Referee and Assistant Referee Fees

In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

[23-G] Referee and Assistant Referee Failing to Keep Engagement

A referee not keeping his or her engagement and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.

[23-H] Referee Performance Marking

Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Both Managers shall complete the Referee Performance marks as part of their EBFA Google Forms EBFA Team Match/Respect Report.

Any Club/Team marking a Referee fifty (50) or less shall submit details in EBFA Google Forms EBFA Team Match/Respect Report in the "Comments on Why Referee Marks Below 50".

Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

[23-I] Competition Reporting Referee Performance Marks

The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to the FA/County FA.

[23-J] Referee Report Form

The referee shall submit a referee report form, on the Competition EBFA Match Official (Referee) Report - Google Forms. within two (2) days of the Competition Match.

[23-K] Referee Copy Competition Rules

Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge by download from the League website.

[23-L] Referee Performance Marks

Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA or County.

[23-M] Referee Registration with Competition

All persons nominated to Referee an East Berks Football Alliance match, shall be registered with the League before Refereeing matches in the League. Referees may be registered at any time prior to a match, using the EBFA Match Officials Registration Google Form.

[23-N] Coaching

Club Officials who Referee or are Assistant Referees of a match shall refrain from coaching.

[23-O] Club/Team Register of Referees Appointed by Club.

Each club SHALL keep a register of referees or assistant referees that they use to appoint as a club. The onus will be on the club to have checked that the person is both registered and qualified as a referee with the Football Association and has the necessary Safeguarding and DBS qualifications in place. Any complaints regarding a referee should be referred to County Football Association and EBFA management committee who may order that the person is no longer permitted to take charge of matches in this competition.

[23-P] Team Sheets

Prior to the commencement of the match, both teams will present their EBFA Team Sheet to the Referee Match Official so the Referee can extract the team's player names and shirt numbers for his officiating duties and then return the team sheet to the team managers.

Appendix F - Appointment of Match Officials

Under normal circumstances the Home Team shall be responsible for arranging a Referee for the match. The name of the Referee shall be notified to the Away Team at the time of notification of venue and kick-off.

Whenever possible the Home Team shall arrange for a Qualified and Registered Referee to officiate the match. A Registered Referee is a Referee who is currently registered as a Referee with a County FA and who is in possession of a Referees Registration Card, wearing a Regulation Referee jersey with the FA or County FA badge and registered with the EBFA Referee Secretary. Referee's which have taken a Football Association Referee Course and are completing their qualifying matches shall be considered as a Qualified and Registered Referee.

If the Home Team arranges a Registered Referee to officiate the match, then the Away Team shall accept the appointment of the Referee.

If the Home Team is unable arrange a Registered Referee to officiate the match, then the Home Team shall request the Away Team to arrange a Registered Referee. If the Away Team arranges a Registered Referee to officiate the match, then the Home Team shall accept the appointment of Referee.

If neither the Home Team nor the Away Team can arrange a Registered Referee, then both Teams shall agree upon a responsible person to officiate the match. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Away Team must confirm the credentials of the Referee before the match starts.

The minimum uniform for a Registered Referee is a Regulation Referees jersey with FA or County FA badge. There is no requirement to wear shorts or socks.

A Qualified Referee is not a Registered Referee unless meeting the criteria for a Registered Referee described above.

An appointed Referee or a mutually agreed Referee is entitled to the appropriate fee. The Home Team shall pay the full fee to the Referee prior to kick-off and the Away Team shall pay their share to the Home Team prior to kick off.

From Mini-Soccer U7 through to Youth 11 v11 U18 and U21 it is the recommendation of the League that all matches are Refereed by a Registered Referee.

For Mini-Soccer U10 it is highly recommended that the matches are Refereed by a Registered Referee. A suitable appointment would be a young newly qualified Referee who is seeking to gain their first experiences of Refereeing.

From Youth U11 upwards it is strongly recommended that the matches are Refereed by a Registered Referee. Note that young Referees shall be at least two (2) years older than the players participating in the match. Thus, a Referee of fourteen (14) years can officiate matches up to U12.

At all age groups Mini-Soccer U7 through to Youth U18 and U21 if it is not possible to arrange a Registered Referee then with the agreement of both Teams it is acceptable for a responsible person to be the Referee for the match.

If a Team Manager or coach or a player's parent is to be the Referee for a match, then it is courteous to notify the opposing Team of the Referees connections.

All Registered Referees and responsible persons who are to Referee matches in the East Berks Football Alliance shall be registered with the Referees Secretary. This a simple procedure whereby the Referees Secretary is notified of the Referees Name, Date of Birth, Address, Telephone, Number and Email Address. If the Referee is a Registered Referee, then Referee Qualification Level and Referee Registration number shall also be stated. Notification can be by telephone, text, email or other communication at any time prior to kick-off but Referee shall register these details via the www.gotfootball.co.uk web portal. This information is required so that the League can contact the Referee about any incidents that may have occurred in the match.

Any person appointed as a Referee and regardless of whether the person is a qualified or a Registered Referee has the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee and as such shall make appropriate use of the Yellow and Red cards. Any use of the Yellow or Red cards or any incident of misconduct by a player, Team official or spectator shall be reported to the League Secretary and to the appropriate County FA. Help and guidance for submitting reports shall be provided by the League Secretary.

Match Officials will be paid their fees by the home Club before the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. The costs for match Officials shall be shared equally by both Teams. The Away Team shall pay their share of the costs to the Home Team prior to the commencement of the match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff [23-E].

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