



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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RED AND YELLOW CARD OFFENCE CODES

Minor Infringements - Yellow Card (Caution) Codes

- Y1 is guilty of unsporting behaviour
- Y2 shows dissent by word or action
- Y3 persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- Y4 delays the restart of play
- Y5 fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in.
- Y6 enters or re-enters the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Y7 deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee's permission

Y1, Y2 & Y4 offences shall also relate to a substitute or substituted player who is cautioned and shown the yellow card.

Serious Infringements –Red Card (Expulsion) Codes

- R1 is guilty of serious foul play
- R2 is guilty of violent conduct
- R3 spits at an opponent or any other person
- R4 denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his penalty area)
- R5 denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
- R6 uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and /or gestures
- R7 receives a second caution in the same match

A player, substitute or substituted player who has been sent off and shown the red card must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area.



SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Spectators attending a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FFA or an affiliate Member Federation, District Association or Club must:

1. Respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same.
2. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake.
3. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin.
4. Never use violence in any form towards another person including fellow spectators, Players or Match/Team Officials (including Coaches).
5. Not engage in acts of discrimination, harassment or abuse towards any person, including:
 - a. the use of obscene or offensive language and/or gestures;
 - b. the incitement of hatred or violence.
6. Comply with all Terms of Admission including provisions relating to security screening, intoxication, and items that are prohibited by law or restricted by policy from being brought into the Venue.
7. Not display, or attempt to display, the following items within the Venue:
 - a. National, political or racial flags or emblems except for the recognised National flags of the competing teams;
 - b. offensive or inappropriate banners in either English or a foreign language.
8. Never throw missiles, projectiles or objects of any description at Players, Match Officials or fellow spectators.
9. Not enter or attempt to enter the field of play or playing arena without lawful authority.
10. Refrain from any disorderly conduct or conduct that may injure the reputation and goodwill of FFA and the code of Football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from the Venue and may be banned from attending future Matches.