

(F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Teams have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee. Where a match is not played owing to one Team being in default, that Team shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

(G) A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may have his name removed from the list of Referees and the fact reported to the County Association with which he is registered.

(H) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be permitted, each Season, to obtain a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge by download from the League website..

(I) The Home Team shall provide suitable flags for Club Assistant Referees.

(J) All persons nominated to Referee an East Berks Youth Football League match, shall be registered with the League Referee Secretary before Refereeing matches in the League. Each registered Referee shall be provided with a League registration number to be quoted on the match result sheet. Referees may be registered at any time prior to a match.

(K) Referees have an obligation towards the game to support the introduction and implementation of The Football Association Child Protection Policy. Referees shall respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person, player and non-player alike, treating everyone equally within the context of the game. In particular, to be aware of the special needs of young people, their wellbeing, including difficulties or possible abuse experienced from within the game or from other sources. The Referee has a duty to ensure that every child and young person involved in the game of football is able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse.

(L) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League.

(M) Referees shall be given a mark by both the Home and Away Team, on their appropriate result sheet. The Referee shall be marked out of a possible 100 marks, broken down as follows;

Personality/Appearance – Marks out of 20

General Control – Marks out of 30

Application of the Laws – Marks out of 50

Marks shall be given only on the approved result sheet and are to be submitted in accordance with Rule 11 (A). Marks given for a referee of 50 or less out of 100 are to be accompanied by a written explanation, by the appropriate Team manager, giving their reasons for the low marking.

Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20.00 or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

Appendix F - Appointment Of Referees

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 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 and is wearing a regulation Referees jersey with FA or County FA badge.

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

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 Junior U7 through to Intermediate U18 it is the recommendation of the League that all matches are Refereed by a Registered Referee.

From Junior U10 upwards it is highly recommended that 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 Intermediate U12 upwards it is strongly recommended that matches are Refereed by a Registered Referee. Note that young Referees shall be at least 2 years older than the players participating in the match. Thus a Referee of 14 years can officiate matches up to U12.

At all age groups Junior U7 through to Intermediate U18 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 players parent is to be the Referee for a match then it is courteous to notify the opposition Team of the Referees connections.

All Registered Referees and responsible persons who are to Referee matches in East Berks Youth Football League 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. 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.