



23. MATCH OFFICIALS	
23A	Registered referees (and assistant referees where 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.
23B	<p>1. In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the appointed senior assistant referee shall take charge and a substitute assistant referee appointed by the competing Teams.</p> <p>2. 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 Competition Match.</p>
23C	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.
23D	<p><u>Regional NLS Feeder Leagues:</u> No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground. In the event that such circumstances prevail, Clubs should comply with procedures provided for in the document published by The FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials.</p> <p><u>For those leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues:</u> 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.</p>
23E	<p>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 <i>inclusive of travel expenses</i>.</p> <p>Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
23F	<p>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, should complete and submit an expense form to the competition within 7 days of the match. They shall be entitled to £10 expenses only. This will be paid by the competition within 7 days of the completed expense form being received. No payment will be made outside of these parameters.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
23G	A referee not keeping their engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which they are registered.
23H	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. 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.



23i	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 Sanctioning Authority.
23J	<i>The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.</i>
23K	<i>Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.</i>
23L	<i>Match Officials shall comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA and/or Sanctioning Authority adopted by the Competition</i>
23M	<p>The Management Committee may, if considered appropriate, or if requested to by either of the competing teams, appoint Assistant Referees to any match. When appointing assistants, the Referees secretary shall advise the two Clubs in writing, at least 48 hours before the match, of his reason(s)/justification for placing assistants on their match. A request by one club for Assistants to be appointed will be sufficient to place 2 additional officials on a match (if available), irrespective of the view of the opponents.</p> <p>For all League matches, all officials are to be paid by the AWAY team and the cost of ONE Assistant is reclaimed from the home team.</p> <p>In circumstances where the Management Committee are unable to provide neutral Assistant Referees to any fixture, clubs must provide their own Assistant to aid the Match Referee, if the clubs provides such assistance, this MUST be accepted by the Match Referee and cannot be declined (unless the person provided is under suspension), if the Referee does not accept such assistance, then the club will have the right to refuse to play the fixture, and must report such circumstances to the League Secretary and Fixtures Secretary within the allotted time period for such correspondence.</p>
23N	<p>The fee for the Match Officials shall be equal to that published by the London Football Association for the Sunday Junior Cup at the time of the League AGM.</p> <p>Cup match fees are split equally by both teams and is the responsibility of the HOE team to ensure payment is made.</p> <p>Referee appointed by the Management Committee = £45</p> <p>Assistant Referees appointed by the Management Committee or requested by team(s) = £30</p> <p>For "double-headers" Referee: £65, Assistant Referee: = £40</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
23O	A Referee MUST report all cautions and/or sending offs to the appropriate County Association within the statutory periods. Any Referee failing to do so will be reported to their County of Affiliation for appropriate action.
23P	A Referee MUST submit a report to the Referee's Secretary if approached by any team official to withhold misconduct information from the County Association or League.
23Q	When marking a referee, emphasis should be given to the complete performance, not one or two isolated or controversial incidents, even if you feel you lost the game because of a particular decision. Where marks are seriously inconsistent between two teams in the same match, the Referee's Secretary may call the teams to explain their marking(s). Remember – win with dignity, lose with grace and always display a sporting attitude.
23R	If a Team marks a referee 60 or less, a written report of explanation for the low mark, either by letter or email, must be sent to the Referee's Secretary and Assistant Referee Secretary, within 4 days of the match. Failing to submit this report will be deemed as failing to deal with League business. Refer to Rule 6(I)
23S	All Referees must acknowledge appointments to the Home Team Secretary upon receipt, or by the latest Wednesday 9pm prior to the game. This can be done, if possible, by email. Referees should notify the Referees Secretary by Thursday midday prior to the game, if they have NOT been contacted by the Home team, however the Referee should attempt to contact the home team to confirm match details



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