



2016 CLUB REFEREE POLICY



1. It is a condition of affiliation that **all Clubs** within the SAASL, are required to register **at least one qualified CLUB REFEREE** per Reserve, C Team and Over 35 team fielded within the SAASL. This includes single team clubs playing in single team divisions.
2. It is the responsibility of all Clubs affiliated with the SAASL to comply with the Club Referees Policy and to ensure that their Club Referee meets the appropriate standards and complies with the Club Referees Code of Conduct. Any breach of this policy will result in a fine and/or disciplinary action being taken against both the Club and Club Referee by the SAASL.
3. Failure to nominate at least one Club Referee per team by the closing date may result in the all the Club's fixtures being suspended/forfeited until they comply with the Club Referee Policy.
4. Qualified Club Referees will be registered and recognised as official referees by the SAASL and the Amateur Referees Association and will be given the same authority and recognition as a full Match Official with respect to SAASL sanctioned fixtures.
5. **Closing date for Club nominations as advised.**
6. Existing Club Referees will be accepted but must be re-nominated every season by their respective Clubs on the SAASL Club Referee Nomination Form and meet the criteria as set by the League.
7. All Club Referees must have (SAASL) Club Referee accreditation being as a minimum Level of Training as set out in this Policy by the League and to be registered as a Club Referee by the SAASL.
8. A Club Referee must be registered with the SAASL prior to officiating any games.
9. If an Official Referee is not appointed to a Reserve, C Team or Over 35's fixture by the SAASL, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to provide a registered Club Referee. The League will endeavor to notify Clubs in advance if they will require their Club Referee for home fixtures, however, this may not be possible.
10. Club Referees can only officiate in their Home Reserve, C Team and Over 35's Fixtures and assist the Senior Match official when required. Club Referees are **not** to officiate in a Senior fixture unless appointed by the SAASL.
 - (a) Single Team Divisions may be required to use their Club Referee at all Senior fixtures. The Clubs will be responsible for payment of Home Club Referees fees.
11. If an Official Referee is appointed to a Reserve, C Team or Over 35's fixture by the SAASL, the Official Referee will take priority and officiate the game and over the Club Referee and payments will be as per the Official Referee Fee Structure.
12. ALL Club Referees can only register for one SAASL Club and will receive payment from the SAASL for their own Home Club fixtures only.
13. *Dual registration of (Level 4 or higher) Club Referees will not be permitted for any Club or for any Level of Accreditation unless the Club Referee is full member of the SA Amateur Soccer Referees Association.*
14. As part of the policy, ALL Club Referees will be encouraged to join the SA Amateur Referees Association and to continue their development and will be supported in the program by the SAASL and SAASRA.

15. A Club Referee must carry the Photo ID Registration Pass and wear the ORANGE vest (or the "GREEN SHIRT") provided by the SAASL when officiating in any fixture or when assisting the Referee in a Senior fixture. Prior to the commencement of the fixture, an opposition Club Official may request to inspect the Club Referees Photo ID to verify their accreditation.
16. If the Club Referee cannot verify their own accreditation, the fixture must be played and a protest may be lodged in writing to the SAASL within 3 working days of the completion of the fixture.
17. If a Home Club Referee is not available, the match can be officiated only by a Registered Club Referee from the away Club. The Home team will pay the Club Referee from the away team the scheduled fee for Club Referees prior to the commencing the fixture. This fee **will not** be reimbursed by the SAASL.
18. If a fixture is not played due to the failure of the Home Club to provide a Club Referee or the Club using an unregistered Club Referee or failing to comply with any part of the Club Referee policy, the Home Club **will** forfeit the fixture.
19. If a fixture is played and the Home Club is found to have breached any part of the Club Referee policy, not covered elsewhere in this policy, the Home Club **will** be fined \$100. Subsequent breaches will result in the Club being sanctioned by the SAASL.
20. Club Referees (Reserves, C Team and Over 35's) will be entitled to claim payment directly from the SAASL as per the schedule below. Payment will be paid directly to the Club Referee and will not be reimbursed to any Club under any circumstances.
 - **Club Referee Level 5 - \$30 per fixture**
 - **Club Referee Level 4 (or higher) - \$40 per fixture**
21. TRAINING for Club Referees will be conducted via the On-Line Laws of the Game program with the link available from the SAASL Website.
22. **New Club Referees** to complete their Registration must
 - complete the On-Line Laws of the Game training prior to registration,
 - provide a copy of the Certificate of Completion from the training,
 - sign and forward the Club Referee Code of conduct,
 - provide any other information to verify claims for higher accreditation,
 - complete the Club Referee Registration Form with passport photo
23. **All past Club Referees** must be re-nominated by their Club and be re-registered every year under this policy to be able to officiate as a Club referee in the SAASL.
24. **Club Referees from previous seasons**
 - be nominated by the Club on the Club Referee Nomination Form
 - successfully complete the On Line Laws of the Training to be eligible for Registration. The Laws of the Game training is available on the SAASL website.
 - the Certificate of Completion must be sent with the Registration Form for the registration to be completed for these Club Referees to be registered with the SAASL prior to refereeing any fixtures as per the Club Referee Policy.
25. **For ANY Club Referee to be paid by the SAASL, irrespective of their current Accreditation, they must have completed the following:**

- have already completed at some time, the On-Line Laws of the Game training from the SAASL website
- have provided a copy of the Certificate of Completion from the training,
- have signed and forward the Club Referee Code of conduct,
- have provided any other information to verify any new accreditation,

26. In addition to any of the above, following Conditions must be met before payment will be approved.

- The Club Referee must be registered with the League and comply with the Rules and Regulations as set under this Policy, the Club Referee Code of Conduct and the relevant Competition and Administrative procedures/rules and the Constitution.
- Club Referees must clearly write their **full name and pass number** on the team sheets. This must be in block letters and clearly legible. (No name and pass number will result in non-payment)
- Club Referees must forward the completed and signed team sheets to arrive at the SAASL office strictly before the close of business on the Wednesday following the fixture. Failure to comply could result in non-payment.
- Provide detailed Referees report of any incidences to the SAASL with the team sheets. Failure to comply could result in non-payment.
- Be available at **all** Home fixtures to officiate their Registered Club when required.
- Payments that have been approved by the SAASL will only be processed and forwarded at the end of July and then again at the end of September.
- Club Referees must provide all details in relation to item 25 above by Round 3 of the Season otherwise payments will not be processed.

27. INCENTIVES

To promote the development of the Club Referees and to encourage their progression as an Amateur Referee within the Amateur Referees Association the following incentives will be available from the SAASL.

Incentives will only be paid once per Club Referee per Club. The incentives are only available to NEW Club Referees that have become a Club Referee or Referee through the Club Referee program since 2008.

- **Incentive 1 - Club incentive \$600 and Referee incentive \$400**
Club Referees continue to develop and seek training that join the SA Amateur Referees Association as a full member, take appointments exclusively from the Association and complete one full season officiating in the SAASL. The Club and the Referee must jointly apply to be eligible to receive the following incentive
 - The Club can apply for \$600 incentive & the Referee can apply for \$400 incentive.

28. The amount and period that Club Referees will be able to receive the nominated fee from or the Incentives under this policy, will be reviewed each season by the SAASL and announced prior to the commencement of each season.

29. The SAASL may make a determination on the interpretation of any part of this policy and reserves the right to amend this policy at any time. The decision of the SAASL Management Committee is final as per the Constitution, Competition Rules and By Laws.