

## MWFA TEAM REFEREES

The following rules apply to team referees (also called player referees) for 2014.

### Provision and Duties of Team Referees

Each team in the MWFA Senior Men's: AL2 and below, all O35 and O45 divisions (Any exception to this requirement will be notified by the MWFA) must:

1. Nominate at least two team referees who are qualified members of the MWFRA to be available to officiate in games.

The nominated person does not have to be a player but must be a current member of the MWFRA and cannot be a team referee for more than one team.

2. On each competition day where the team is playing as a home team one of the team referees must officiate:

- where the game is scheduled 1pm/3pm, in the preceding or following game as detailed below:
- where the team is playing as the home team at 3pm one of the team referees must officiate in the 1pm game at the same field unless otherwise directed
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- where games are not scheduled as a 1pm/3pm pair the affected teams will be notified of the requirements for the provision of team referees by the MWFA.
- for a game where there is no other options for the provision of a team referee from a different team than those playing, one of the team referees of the home team must officiate.
- The MWFRA reserves the right to appoint a referee to any division provided at least 24 hours notice is given to the MWFA who will then advise the Clubs involved.

### Registration of Team referees

The player must register with the MWFRA through the FFA MyFootballClub website. Instructions will be issued by the MWFRA.

Anybody who was a qualified referee in 2013 is usually also eligible to be referee in 2014 BUT all such persons must re-register in 2014 with the MWFRA to be eligible in 2014.

All other unqualified persons wishing to become a team referee must successfully complete a course run by the MWFRA and then register as a referee.

A spreadsheet will be circulated by the MWFA on which Clubs must list the names and pin number (if available) for the team referees for each team. The MWFA/MWFRA will update the spreadsheet based on their eligibility.

Once a nominated team referee has registered with the MWFRA and it has been indicated in the MWFA spreadsheet that person must also be registered with the MWFA within Compman as a team referee.

The person must have details entered into Compman, including a photograph and they must be nominated as a team referee for the particular team in the same way as a coach or manager. The MWFA

Registrar will then issue an ID card which must be carried by the team referee when officiating at a game to be shown to the teams if requested.

No team referee should be entered into Compman until they are approved in the spreadsheet.

Any team who does not have two qualified referees by the first round and is obliged by the draw to provide a referee MUST make arrangements to provide a qualified referee to fulfil the obligation.

Any team failing to fulfil their obligation with a qualified referee (no matter if they have named team referees or not) will be considered to be in breach of the requirements and attract the appropriate sanction.

Any team who does not have two qualified referees by 30<sup>th</sup> April will accumulate no competition points for each game they play where they do not meet this requirement up to a maximum of three rounds. After these three rounds the team will be removed from the competition, and the players in the team will not be permitted to re-register in any other team for the rest of the season.

### **Notification of Red and Yellow Cards by Team Referees**

Team referees who give players red and yellow cards to players are required to provide reports to the MWFRA.

As a minimum it is the obligation of the team referee to mark the match card with “Y” and “Red” for those players who were given red and yellow cards during the game.

### **Failure to Fulfill Obligations**

The following penalties apply to teams who fail to meet their obligation under these rules:

1. Fail to provide a team referee for a game with no notice:

- on the first occasion the team will be given an official warning
- on the second occasion the team will be penalized one competition point
- on the third occasion the team will be penalised three competition points
- on the fourth occasion the team will be removed from the competition and at the discretion of the EC the players will not be permitted to register in any other team for the rest of the season.

2. Unable to provide a team referee but notify the MWFA at least 48 hours prior to the game.

If the two team referees are injured or unable to fulfill their obligations and the team is unable to find a qualified referee to officiate at the game then at the discretion of the EC the team may be permitted to provide a substitute referee who is not a member of the MWFRA. The team must demonstrate they have made reasonable efforts to find a substitute qualified referee. The permission to use an unqualified

referee will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If such permission is not given each instance will accumulate the same penalty as 1.above.

3. Where a person referees a game but falsely uses the name of a qualified referee on the match card the EC will apply penalties as appropriate. Where the person is a player of the team that person shall serve a one match suspension for each instance that the offence took place and the penalties of failing to provide a team referee will apply. Where the person is not a player in the team the EC will apply penalties to the team including loss of match points.
4. Where a team referee fails to wear the appropriate referee uniform the following penalties will apply:
  - on the first occasion the team will be given an official warning
  - on the second occasion the team will be penalized one competition point
  - on the third occasion the team will be penalised three competition points
  - on the fourth occasion the team will be removed from the competition and at the discretion of the EC the players will not be permitted to register in any other team for the rest of the season.

Over the past few weeks there have been issues which have come up about the MWFA Team Referee which are causing concern and need clarification:

- All player referees have been issued ID cards. These ID cards should be checked before the start of the game by at least one team. They are provided to protect teams against the wrought of unqualified people standing in without the teams' knowledge.
- There have been instances where unqualified referees have put the names of qualified team referees on the referee's card, and if you like refereed under a false name. The EC regards this as a very serious matter and will investigate each instance to determine the course of action which can include suspension for the person(s) writing the false information to loss of points for the affected teams. The name of the referee on the card **MUST** be the person who refereed the game under ALL circumstances.
- The obligation under the MWFA Team Referee is for the team to provide a qualified referee to referee the games they are obliged to referee. This is the game before for a 3pm game or the game afterwards for a 1pm game. This is even if all qualified referees are not available or the team forfeits a game. The MWFA does not take responsibility for providing a referee in these circumstances it is up to the team to make efforts to provide a referee. A few suggestions are:
  - they approach another team and see if they can get one of their team referees to adjudicate. The Club should assist them in this matter.
  - they approach the MWFRA and see if they can appoint a referee.

- they approach the teams that they are supposed to be refereeing and see if one of their own team referees will referee, with some kind of trade off for a future game.
- they ask the opposition to provide a team referee for the previous game with the undertaking that they will provide the referee the next time the teams play.