



**CENTRAL COAST
FOOTBALL**

2023 Referees Handbook

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WELCOME TO CCFRB 2023

Welcome all new and returning referees to the Central Coast Football Referees Branch!

This referee handbook will be a guide to your roles and responsibilities as a referee within Central Coast Football.

If you have any questions about refereeing, you can contact our referee administrator or a Referees Council member.

MEETINGS

All CCFRB members are required and expected to attend meetings throughout the duration of the season. These meetings cover topics in thorough detail and involve group coaching, video analysis, guest speakers and general administrative functionality within the CCFRB Membership.

All referees must be present for the first meeting and final meeting of the season. It is the member's responsibility to sign-in at all meetings or advise via email in advance if they are unable to attend, stating reasons for the apology.

There is an expectation of 60% attendance to all other meetings by referees. Eligibility for the Finals Series is dependent on meeting attendance. Members must wear their CCF polo shirt.

Seminar Dates:

- 20th March, 2023
- 1st May, 2023
- 5th June, 2023
- 3rd July, 2023
- 7th August, 2023
- 28th August, 2023
- 11th September, 2023 – Awards seminar, subject to change pending BPL/WPL GF date.

More information regarding seminar times and locations will be distributed in the lead up to the evening.

APPOINTMENTS

CCFRB will use **MyCompApp**. The system is based on availability rather than unavailability. The cut-off time for entering availability is 11:59pm on the Sunday night for the following week. Failure to input availability will see the referee assumed as unavailable for the upcoming week.

Appointments will be released on Wednesday afternoons for the upcoming Saturday matches, and published on Thursdays for Sunday matches. Any appointments for midweek matches will be released two days prior to the match where possible. Once appointments are released, referees are expected to acknowledge their matches. Any referee that withdraws or fails to turn up to appointments will be sanctioned accordingly. Referees will not be penalized for genuine reasons of withdrawal, which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Referees should arrive for their appointments a **minimum** of 30 minutes before kick-off. The only exceptions to this policy are:

- Late appointment to fixture (asked by CCF to fill in at short notice)
- Travelled from fixtures at another ground
- Played in, or officiated another fixture immediately beforehand

If a referee is running late due to circumstances beyond their control, they must notify CCF via the match day phone (call).

MATCH DAY PROCEDURE

When you arrive

- Find the referee/s you are appointed with.
- Prepare for match: get changed into uniform, warm up, and deliver pre-match instructions.
- Go to the field: check the nets, the pitch surface, and the match balls before kick-off.

After a match:

- Confirm the score and any sanctions with your assistant referees.
- Login to your MyCompApp on your device.
- Click on “Result” and select the fixture you wish to update the score.
- Enter the score for the Home and Away team in the match sheet.
- To input cards, click on “Offence” at the top, and then select the player who received the sanction (Their shirt number will be next to this). “Add an offence” and choose the first offence (and second if applicable) from the drop-down menu.
- If a player has received two cautions, select the code for the first caution, **then “Add an Offence”** and enter the second caution/send-off offence (A second yellow card should be recorded as “R7” in the system).
- Double check that sanctions and the match result are entered correctly.
- Click “Save”.

- Once these details are entered, the sheet can no longer be updated, however, you are able to submit any referees report as home.

If you cannot access the team sheet at a ground for any reason, you forgot to enter something, or made a mistake, you need to contact the CCF Referees Match Day Phone **as soon as possible**.

REPORTS

There are two types of reports referees may be required to submit throughout the season: send-off reports and incident reports.

Send off reports

Send off reports are submitted by **all** referees on a match where a player has been sent off for any reason **except** receiving a second caution.

If you as the referee sent a player off please complete the referees report in MyCompApp with the player selected.

If you are an assistant referee there is a form on the CCF website (Referee Documents) which you use to submit a send-off report.

https://centralcoastfootball.formstack.com/forms/ccf_referees_report

When writing send-off reports, you should be answering these questions:

- **When** did the incident occur?
- **Where** did the incident happen?
- **Where** were you in relation to the incident?
- **Who** was involved in the incident?
- **What** happened in the lead up to the incident?
- **What** was the red card issued for?
- **What** happened after the red card was issued?
- **How** was play restarted?

Incident reports

Incident reports are used when a referee needs to inform CCF of something specific that occurred before, during or after a match. Here are some examples of when to use an incident report:

- The referee abandons match for any reason.
- The referee dismisses a team official from the technical area.
- A player receives an injury and requires serious medical attention.

All reports must be submitted by 5pm on the Monday following weekend matches, or within 24 hours of a midweek match. If you need assistance with writing your report, ask your development officer (1st and 2nd year referees), or contact Des Patch.

SANCTION CODES

CAUTION CODES

Y1 –Unsporting behavior

Y2 –Dissent by word or action

Y3 – Persistent infringement of the laws of the game

Y4 – Delaying the restart of play

Y5 – Fails to respect required distance when play is restarted from a throw-in, corner or free kick

Y6 – Entering or re-entering the field of play without the Referee’s permission

Y7 –Deliberately leaving the field of play without the Referee’s permission

SEND OFF CODES

R1 – Serious Foul Play

R2 – Violent Conduct

R3 – Spitting

R4 –Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except goalkeeper inside penalty area)

R5 –Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by an offence punishable by free kick or penalty kick

R6 –Using offensive, abusive, or insulting language and/or gestures

R7 –Receiving a second caution in a match (**Note: no send-off report required**)

JUDICIARY

When a serious incident has occurred, or a player has appealed their suspension, a judiciary hearing may be called. It is a requirement for CCF referees to attend hearings relating to matches they have officiated. If a referee cannot attend, they must inform CCF. Referees will always be accompanied by the nominated judiciary officer. Referees under 18 are also allowed to have a parent or support person (over 18) present.

INJURIES

If there is a serious injury in your match:

- Make an assessment quickly, but do not try to move or treat the player. Do not touch injured players in any circumstance.
- Call the player's coach onto the field. If the player requests an ambulance, let the coach or manager organize it.
- When the paramedics arrive, they will be the decision makers.
- If the paramedics say the player can be moved or stretchered to the side of the field, then arrange allow them to it.
- If the player cannot be moved the game is stopped but not abandoned. All the other players must stay on the field as well as the referee and their ARs.
 - If it is a junior match, allow a coach or manager to stay with the teams on the field
 - If the injured player is a junior, allow **only** the parents to come onto the field while the ambulance is coming
- If the match does not allow for time added on, then call half or full time when it comes. You cannot restart the second half with a player still on the field.
- If the ambulance has not arrived, wait with the injured player until it does.
- If there is a serious injury the referee will need to submit an incident report.

WEATHER

Temperature

- If the temperature exceeds 32 degrees, junior matches are abandoned.
- If the temperature exceeds 37 degrees, senior matches are abandoned.
- If the temperature is hot, allow the players to have drinks breaks as necessary. Additional time for these breaks is only applied in Men's First Grade matches.

Lightning

If there is 30 seconds or less between a lightning flash and thunder, the game must be stopped. Play may not resume until 30 minutes after the last thunder sound.

Hail

Play may not continue if there is hail.

GROUND CLOSURES

It is the responsibility of each referee to check for ground closures on any given match day. You can check for ground closures on MyCompApp, which will be continuously updated as clubs

notify us of any ground closures. Closures are most common after, or during, a period of wet weather but even in good weather, there may be times when clubs need to close fields.

It is also important to note that it is part of a referee's duties to monitor the playing surface throughout any matches that they are appointed to. If the surface deteriorates, the referee may abandon the match if the surface becomes unplayable or is found to be unplayable during a pre-match inspection. If this occurs, referees must notify ground officials and CCF immediately, and submit an incident report through the appropriate channels within 24 hours.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

To be eligible for these out of branch tournaments you must have the relevant age & accreditation requirements and offer an EOI to be included in these appointments.

KANGA CUP

This tournament is held in Canberra each year during the June School Holidays. You must have been a referee for 2 years. If accepted, transport to and from the tournament is the responsibility of the referee. Generally, accommodation, breakfast, lunch, and dinner costs are covered by the tournament.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Each year the Champion of Champions Titles are held in the first week of the September School Holidays. If accepted, you will generally be appointed to locally run tournament matches in this knockout format. The Official is paid relevant Referee fees and is responsible for their own transport.

SCHOOL GAMES

Each year we are requested to provide match officials for mid-week school games. These range from the U12 state knockout competitions, to junior age 13-16, Bill Turner Cup U15 and the Open Seniors U18 matches. If you would like to be appointed to school matches, contact the Referee Manager.

If you have breached the CCF code of conduct in any way, you will not be eligible for tournament nomination.

UNIFORMS

CCFRB uniforms continue with Legea for the 2023 season.

All referees must have three shirts (black, yellow, red, and blue), shorts, socks at all games.

Referees are expected to arrive at matches in their CCF polo shirt.

COMMUNICATION

Appointments – please TEXT the CCF Referees Line **0429 118 734** (TEXT)

Match Day Support – please TEXT the CCF Referees Line **0429 118 734**

All Other CCFRB Matters – EMAIL or CALL the Referees Manager. (Please only call between 9am-4pm)

PHONE

As with previous seasons, your main point of contact for appointment issues and on match days is the CCF Referees Line.

EMAIL

If you are missing out on emails, it is because their details are not up-to-date on the system. It is important to maintain your contact details through MyCompApp as this is where CCF will look if we need to get in contact with you, or your emergency contact.

FACEBOOK

There is a Facebook group called **2023 Central Coast Football Referees**. The admin will accept your request to join, as long as you are a currently active member of the branch. This group will be used for facilitating group discussions, looking at educational material and some information distribution. For those that do not use Facebook, you will still receive important information via email.

MATCH FEES

Match fees for National Premier Leagues, Association Youth League, School Games and other tournaments can be found through the “Referee Fees” section of the CCF website.

<https://ccfootball.com.au/referee-fees/>

MATCH SPECIFICATIONS

Information	Divisions 12	Divisions 13 & 14	Divisions 15 & 16	Division 18/20
Maximum No. of players on team sheet	16	16	16	16
Ball size	4	Division 13: size 4 Division 14: size 5	5	5
Match duration	Two 25 minute halves – no added time	Two 30 minute halves – no added time	Two 35 minute halves – no added time	Two 40 minute halves – no added time
Substitutes	Unlimited Interchange	Unlimited Interchange	Unlimited Interchange	Unlimited Interchange
Goal kicks	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Corner kicks	Short (8m from edge of penalty box)	Normal	Normal	Normal
Temporary Dismissal	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes

Information	BPL & DIV1	WPL	ALL AGE	OVERAGE
Maximum No. of players on team sheet	16 BPL Under 21 (16 Players of which 6 maybe over the age of 21)	16	16	16
Match duration	Two 45 minute halves – 1 st grade has added time – Res grade and U21s has no added time	Two 45 minute halves - no added time	Two 40 minute halves - no added time	Two 40 minute halves - no added time
Substitutes	BPL & DIV 1 First & Reserves Max 5 can be used – across three windows – no interchange BPL Under 21 Grade – Max 5 can be used – no interchange	WPL 1 st Grade Max 5 can be used – across three windows – no interchange	Unlimited Interchange	Unlimited Interchange
Temporary Dismissal	N/A	N/A	10 minutes	10 minutes

Changes to 2023

This season will see the introduction of Temporary Dismissal on the Central Coast.

TEMPORARY DISMISSALS

- a) For all grades except BPL, Div1, WPL & WDIV1 any player who receives a yellow card for dissent will receive a temporary dismissal. For all Junior Competitions being U12 – U16 the temporary dismissal time is 5 minutes & for all Senior Competitions being M18, M20, M35, M45, MAA, W18 and WAA the temporary dismissal time will be 10 minutes.
- b) The referee of the match will advise when the player can return to the field of play and is the sole arbiter of the time
- b) Yellow Cards issued to a Player in the case of a Temporary Dismissal will be treated as a Yellow Card for the purposes of the accumulation of Yellow Cards pursuant to section 6.2
- c) The player cannot be substituted or replaced during the temporary dismissal (i.e., team must play 1 player short)
- d) The player can return to the field of play or be substituted after serving their temporary dismissal period.
- e) If the Temporary dismissal period does not expire before the end of the first-half, the remainder of the Temporary dismissal will continue to the second-half.
- f) If the Temporary dismissal period does not expire before the end of the second-half, the remainder of the Temporary dismissal will continue into extra-time.
- g) If the Temporary dismissal period does not expire before the end of extra-time, the player can still participate in penalties.
- h) Temporary dismissal periods expire at full-time and do not carry over between matches.