



WA Christian Football Association (WACFA)- Referee Information 2016

Welcome to refereeing in the WA Christian football competition.

Referees are an important part of running the WACFA competition and as such, it is vital that players, coaches and supporters in the WACFA competition show respect to our Referees. Our rules and Code of Conduct strongly support this requirement.

The following information is provided for referees to familiarise themselves with how the WACFA competition operates. It is important that referees know this information and keep it for future reference.

WACFA History

The Evangelical Soccer Association of WA (now WA Christian Football Association) began in 2000 with a few families wanting a soccer competition for their children that did not conflict with their commitment to attend church on Sunday. They found that the vast majority of organised junior competitions in Perth, WA were run on Sunday mornings. Consequently, they saw a need to provide competitive soccer played on Saturdays and ESAWA (WACFA) was born. From small beginnings ESAWA (WACFA) grew to involve more than ten clubs and around a thousand players in its first decade. In 2010 ESAWA changed its name to the Western Australian Christian Football Association (WACFA).

WACFA Mission

WACFA's mission is organising and promoting high quality football competitions on days other than Sundays and major Christian holidays; and Encouraging players, coaches, officials and volunteers to choose and express godly responses on and off the field of play.

WACFA Referee Information

1. Code of Conduct (CoC):

WACFA has a high standard of conduct for players, coaches and supporters. The expectations for conduct is documented in the WACFA Code of Conduct (CoC). This outlines our standard for acceptable behaviour in WACFA.

Referees, need to be familiar with the CoC which is published in the WACFA Bylaws in attachment 1 and is available on the WACFA Website.

<http://www.wacfa.com.au/competitions/competition-rules/>

2. Prayer:

All WACFA matches are to start with a prayer. The prayer should happen as part of the line up of players prior to the commencement of the match. A coach or player will normally volunteer when asked. If not, please ask the coach of the home team. This is an important requirement for the WACFA league.



3. Swearing:

Swearing is not acceptable in the WACFA League.

If a player swears and it can only be heard on the pitch, a yellow card is to be issued. If it is loud enough for spectators to hear it is a red card.

4. Match Cards:

Match cards are the the Association record of what happened in a match. They are important documents and it is vital that referees ensures that every care is taken to accurately record the match information.

Once the match cards are handed to the referee by the coaches at the start of the match, the cards are the responsibility of the referee.

At the completion of the match, the referee must ensure the following information is completed on the match cards

1. On both match cards: Referee ensures the scores are recorded correctly on each card.
2. On both match cards: Referee signs the match cards
3. On one match card: referee records the Fairest and Best players for the match, scored in order of ranking : 3 points for best , 2 points for second best, 1 point for 3rd best.
4. On one match card: Complete the other information on the back of match card.
5. All match cards must be deposited in the “match card” box at the grounds. The locations of the match card box for each ground is as follows
 - a) Maida Vale – The box is attached to the back of the door to the WACFA Store room between the male and female toilets.
 - b) Ashfield – The box is attached to the wall in the WACFA store room beside the door.
 - c) Morgan Park – The box is attached to the wall the WACFA store room.
 - d) Chichester Park – The box is attached to the WACFA storeroom door.
 - e) Noranda – The referee keeps the cards after the match and posts them to WACFA.

5. Jewellery:

Jewellery must be removed and not taped up. The only exceptions are medical bracelets which must be taped up. If a player is found to be wearing jewellery during a game after being told to remove it you are to issue a yellow card.

6. WACFA Competition Rules:

The WACFA competition rules are published on the WACFA website.

<http://www.wacfa.com.au/competitions/competition-rules/>

The rules include the following

- WACFA Code Of Conduct [PDF]
- WACFA By-laws 2016 [PDF]
- WACFA By-law 25 Disciplinary Regulations [PDF]
- Supplementary Rules for Divisions in 2016 [PDF]



- WACFA Rules of Competition for Finals 2016 [PDF]

Referees will need to be familiar with these documents. Please keep this web link for future reference.

7. Referee Payment:

Referees are paid in cash before game commences. Each coach will have half of the referee fee. A list of fees for each age group is attached. The referees fees are published on the WACFA Team App. Payment for the WACFA finals series are covered by the association.

8. Match Report:

Red Cards:

WACFA Referees must use the **Referee match report** to report a red card. The match report should also be used by the referee to report any incidents of poor behaviour or descent to the referee from a coach or supporters. WACFA will investigate all referee reports and take action to deal with the matter. Referee reports must be completed and returned to the referee coordinator by the Monday following the match.

The Referee match report (and the instructions on completing the report) can be downloaded from the WACFA website here:

<http://www.wacfa.com.au/get-involved/>

Yellow Cards:

WACFA Referees must report a yellow card on the WACFA match card with the relevant reason for issuing the card. If there are two yellows for the same player and a red card is issued, then a red card report must be completed. (as outlined above)

WACFA admin team will process and record all red card and yellow cards and player sanctions and will also notify the club and player. Note: All red cards are a minimum one week suspension.

9. Referee Assessing/Allocations:

WACFA operated two roles for Referee Assessor & Allocator, one responsible for the Northern Hub grounds (Chichester Park, Norand), and one responsible for the southern and central hub grounds (Ashfield Reserve, Maida Vale Reserve and Morgan Park).

Referee Assessor/Allocator for the North:

- Rob de Vries;
- email: rodev.au@gmail.com, Mobile (0400- 235-408)

Referee Assessor/Allocator for the southern and central hub grounds (Ashfield Reserve, Maida Vale Reserve and Morgan Park) :

- Allocations: Stephen Gray: gunnersglory70@gmail.com ; 0401-508-329
- Assessor: Chris Quinn: cqjbsaleswa2@gmail.com; 0413-211-485



Referee allocations are published on the WACFA Team App and distributed by email. The Referee allocator will publish the allocations on month in advance. Referees must confirm their allocations.

10. Match Balls:

WACFA By-laws have the following two rules that apply to match balls.

Coaches and Club officials should be aware of these by-laws and provide match balls accordingly. If a match ball is supplied that does not meet these rules, then the game can continue if the ball is a suitable replacement but it must be noted on the match card.

The first by-laws for match balls is as follows:

20.11 MATCH BALLS

20.11.1 Each team participating in a WACFA football fixture – ie, U12mixed and above - must provide a “Select Team” match ball prior to the commencement of the fixture. The ball not being used for play is to be kept at the interchange line for the duration of the game in case it is needed (see By-law 19.4).

The second by-law for match balls is as follows:

FIFA Law 2 - The Ball

- 19.3 For Football games involving 14 year-olds (“Under 14”) and older, the standard match ball (size 5) shall be used. For Football and Small Sided Games involving younger children, balls of size 4 or 3 shall be used according to Table 1 (see below).**
- 19.4 In Football games (ie, U12 mixed and above), each team is to supply a match ball at each fixture. The ball not being used for play is to be kept at the interchange area for the duration of the game in case it is needed.**
- 19.5 The referee is to ensure that the match ball supplied by each team is in good condition and inflated correctly prior to the commencement of the fixture.**

10. MATCH DURATION:

Match duration information is documented in the WACFA bylaws, Rule 20: Rules of Competition. They are provided as follows



20.1.2 Matches shall consist of equal halves, the duration of which shall be:

Under 12 mixed	30 minutes
Under 14 girls	35 minutes
Under 14 boys	35 minutes
Under 16 girls	35 minutes
Under 16 boys	40 minutes
Women	40 minutes
Under 18 boys	45 minutes
Men	45 minutes
Masters	45 minutes
Half time break	5 minutes

11. REFEREE MATCH FEES:

The referee match fees are published WACFA bylaws, Rule 20: Rules of Competition. They are provided as follows

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WACFA REFEREE FEES**

Team	WACFA Fee per Match	WACFA Fee per Team
Men	\$90.00	45.00
Women	\$74.00	37.00
Colts	\$66.00	33.00
U16B	\$56.00	28.00
U16G	\$56.00	28.00
U14B	\$45.00	22.50
U14G	\$44.00	22.00
U12M	\$36.00	18.00

7. Training:

Football West held a referee seminar in early February 2016 and the following adjustments to several laws have been made:

- i) A player is no longer in an offside position if the ball touches a defender before reaching the receiving player.
- ii) All head covers must be black or the same colour as the team shirt.
- iii) Any lifting up, removing, placing over head or on the head of a shirt will result in a yellow card. Slogans on undergarments are not permitted and need to be reported to the association.



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12: Important Information for Grand Final Day Matches:

1. Reserve AR/s are allocated for the Matches where possible. The purpose of the reserve is to ensure we have a referee available should there be any problem with an allocation. The AR Reserve will be paid an AR fee, refereeing or not.

2. Extra time only applies for grand final matches before going to penalties. Please read the rules for the finals to confirm the correct amount of extra time for the age group.

<http://www.wacfa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WACFA-Rules-of-Competition-for-Finals-2015.pdf>

3. It is important to arrive at least 20 mins before the start of the game to ensure you have time to prepare for the match.

4. There will be two presentations sessions following grand final matches. The first presentation is at lunch time and is for the juniors. The second is after the senior matches in the afternoon. It is important for the assigned Referees to be present the Grand final presentations.