

Essex Walking Football League



Referee Meeting Wednesday 11th February 2026 Minutes



In attendance: Derek Hornsey, Richard Coleman, Trevor Ridley, John Ackred, Richard Windibank, David Axcell, Tony Brooks, Jon Moore, Damian O'Reilly, Gary Murphy, Paul Tregent.



Apologies for absence: None.

The Referee Secretary opened the meeting started at 7:25pm

FA Laws of the game: Trevor. Explained the amendments to the Laws. The biggest question was how do we interpret Not Walking. Derek explained that this was the biggest bone of contention we have to contend with as match officials. Not walking was down to each individual to interpret that specific law the way that each of us understand what not walking is. Each of the league's referees will interpret not walking in slightly different ways.

Dress Code: Black shirt, Black shorts and Black socks.

Full Time: It is the responsibility of each Referee to check Full Time for their fixtures. Also, to fill in
the Team App with their availability.

Fair Play Marks: Can all match officials please insure they fill in the fair play marks after each game.

Misconduct: Any Referee that issues a Red card must send a report to the Referee Secretary. When issuing a blue card, you must write blue card next to the players name on that teams registration sheet you are given before the match starts.

Team Sheets: Every team must use the correct team sheet as found on our website. Failure to comply with this rule, that club will incur a fine.

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Question: Should a Referee be on the pitch? Depends on each individual referee.

Question: Should you tell a player that he is moving too fast. Derek replied if you tell a player that he is moving too fast that makes you just as guilty as the player is for not walking, and you for not issuing a non-walking offence.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm