

Essex Walking Football League



Referee Meeting
Monday 17th July 2023



Minutes

Feedback from Clubs:

Overall the feedback from clubs have been very good apart from a few referees not adhering to the laws as laid out in our Rules. Emphasis is to be made by referees to come in line with what our member teams require.

Tackling:

This has been an ongoing problem. This season seems to be getting better. It has been suggested that we adopt the dispossession of the ball from the front from an Attacking player. This has to go to our member clubs for their feedback. If they wish to adopt this in our Rules.



Running:

We still have an ongoing problem with running. The suggestion was put forward to adopt one of the other leagues stance from individual warnings into making it a team warning with a maximum of five warnings. On five warnings they concede a penalty. It was put to the rest of the referees that this had a much better affect on the respect given to the match official and also more control over the players causing the problems. Secretary to download the rules for the Surry Walking Football League to consider the proposal.

Rules as laid out by member Clubs:

It has come to our attention that certain referees are not issuing warnings for running or misconduct on the field of play. This now has to be rectified so that all match officials adhere to the rules of this competition.

A question was asked about players shielding the ball without touching it. As our Rules state that we have no contact or tackling policy players are using this method to waste time. It is an offence to shield the ball with the intention to waste time. Can all referees please make sure that this does not happen.

Red and Blue Cards:

From next season Simon has agreed to collate all of the blue cards that are issued. A record will be kept, Referee Secretary will be proposing a rule be put forward at the AGM, to say any player receiving five blue cards within a season will automatically get a one tournament bad.

Dress Code:

Can all referees please ensure that they wear the correct attire when refereeing. We are there to set an example. Please make sure that your socks are pulled up. Make sure you have a top with a league badge on it.

Recording results:

Can you please make sure that we take time to put the correct results onto a match day sheet before returning. At the moment a few results are in the wrong way around.

Match Confirmation:

Can all referees please ensure that they check when receiving their fixtures via the whole game system or Derek texting them. Make sure of the date and the time they are to referee. We've had a few referees turn up to referee games when they're not allocated to them. Please make sure that if you're on in the morning you turn up in the morning if you're on in the afternoon you turn up in the afternoon not the other way around.

Any other business:

Meeting closed at 8.15