

Essex Walking Football League



Referee Meeting Wednesday 13th May 2026 Minutes



In attendance: Not recorded.

Apologies for absence: None.

The Referee Secretary opened the meeting started at 7:00pm



Discipline: Foul and Abusive language toward a match official is a straight red card. Foul and abusive language said in frustration will normally have a Blue card issued. The difference between both is down to each individual referee to determine.

Can referees please all make sure that no physical contact is allowed as this is a non-contact sport.

Rule Amendments: These can only be amended at an A G M

Penalties: We introduced a one metre walk up at our last A G M> That means a player taking a penalty has a one-metre circle around the ball should he step outside that area the penalty is void.

Kick Ins: The ball must be on the line and the player can only take one step. Alternatively, the player can have one foot on the line and throw the ball in under arm.

Free Kicks: All indirect and also one step, must be on discretion of the match official either by whistle, voice or direction.

Player Dress Code: All must wear shin pads - this does include micro pads. No jewellery, all watches must be covered up.

Referee 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.

A.O.B

Question: Not all match officials are getting notifications through Full Time with their fixtures. Derek is in the process of sorting this problem out with the County.

Man Managing Players: This is down to each individual Referee. It comes with lots of practise. Normally it is best if you watch a number of other match officials and then you use the bits you like from each of the referees you have watched.

Question: How does a referee know if a player has been given a Red card? Red or Blues cards are written on that team's registration sheet next to the players name.

Question: what is the punishment for a blue card? 3 Minutes in the Sin Bin.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm