

## 6. REFEREES

**6.1 Referees:** referees shall be graded and reviewed as per the procedures laid out in these Referees Guidelines. These Guidelines may be subject to amendment from time to time by the Director of Referees with the approval of the Association.

Referees shall be qualified in up to four grades: A grade, B grade, C grade and if determined, D grade. The Association shall keep an up to date register of referees showing their grading.

**6.1.2 Technical Delegates:** the Association may, through the Director of Competitions, require that a tournament, competition, or match, shall have the oversight of a Technical Delegate.

Technical Delegates will be appointed by the Director of Competitions in consultation with the Director of Referees.

Technical Delegates will be responsible for the conduct of the match or competition to which they are assigned.

Technical Delegates have a supervisory role for the referees of a match or competition, but cannot overrule or interfere with the decisions of the referees during any match.

Technical Delegates will provide feedback to the referees of any match they are assigned to and will submit an evaluation form for each match to the Director of Referees.

The Technical Delegate will affirm the correctness of the game sheet for each match to which they are assigned and will sign the sheet before the referees.

The Technical Delegate of any match may be called upon to provide an opinion on any disciplinary event that may occur during the course of that match.

Technical Delegates will have successfully passed the Technical Assessors Course.

**6.2 Register:** a register of referees shall be maintained by the Association. A copy of the referee register shall be available to any individual Member upon the payment of a fee of \$50.00 payable to the Association.

**6.3 Referee Qualifications:** the following conditions shall apply to the grading of referees.

**6.3.1 A Grade Referees:** A grade referee requirements are as follows:

**(a) Application for Examination:** all applications for grading as an A grade referee shall be sent to the Association signed by the person's Centre or Club chairman, secretary or referee representative and accompanied by:

- (i) a fee of \$50.00, which may be reviewed from time to time by the Association. In the case of an unsuccessful candidate, the cost of a subsequent examination may also be at a fee may also be required by the Association;
- (ii) a favourable written endorsement from one A grade referee.

**(b) Prerequisites for Examination:** all applicants for an A grade referee examination shall have held a B grade referee qualification for at least two years and been active as a referee in that time frame, or be a B grade referee recommended by an A Grade referee as being suitable for grading.

**(c) The Examination:** each examination shall consist of the following theory and practical aspects:

- (i) The theory examination as prescribed by the Association shall be sat at a place suitable to the candidate and to the Association and in the presence of an A grade referee. That

referee shall sign the completed examination paper, initial each page and forward it to the Director of Referees.

(ii) The practical examination shall be undertaken over three or more suitable games, at a Championship or competition of a higher level than Under 16 Championship matches, as directed by the Association or the Championship head referee and shall be appraised by no fewer than two A grade referees.

(iii) The name of each successful candidate shall be notified to the Association who shall include it on the register of A grade referees.

**(d) Maintenance of Status:** the following requirements shall be met to maintain an A grade status:

(i) to maintain the qualification of an A grade referee each referee must, unless reasonable cause to the contrary is shown (at the Association's sole discretion), officiate at a Championship and be assessed at least once every year.

(ii) to be eligible to referee at any Championship, a referee must have been refereeing regularly during the previous twelve months. A list of those referees who are complying with this requirement must be provided by the Clubs or Centres to the Association prior to each Championship;

(iii) an A grade referee who has become inactive for a period longer than one year shall revert to the status of a B grade. This may be reversed if the referee returns to officiating, is successful in passing the A grade exam, and is assessed by an A grade referee

**(e) Review of Credentials:** the Association may, at any time, on the recommendation of the head referee at any Championship, or any Centre, or on their own authority, order a review of the status of any A grade referee.

### **6.3.2 B Grade Referees:** B grade referee requirements are as follows:

**(a) Application for Examination:** all applications for grading as a B grade referee shall be sent to the Association accompanied by:

(i) a fee of \$30.00 which may be reviewed from time to time by the Association. In the case of an unsuccessful candidate, the cost of a subsequent examination may also be required by the Association;

(ii) a favourable recommendation from one referee of A grade referee status.

**(b) Prerequisites for Examination:** all applicants for any B grade referees examination shall be at least 18 years of age and have been active as a C grade referee for at least two years, or be a C grade referee recommended by an A grade referee.

**(c) The Examination:** each examination for a B grade referee shall consist of both of the following theory and practical aspects:

(i) the theory examination as prescribed by the Association shall be sat at a place suitable to the candidate and to the Association and in the presence of an A grade referee other than the one who has made any recommendation. That A grade referee shall sign the completed

examination paper, initial each page and forward it to the Director of Referees;

(ii) the practical examination shall be undertaken over two or more suitable games as determined by the Director of Referees or the head referee and shall be appraised by at least two A grade referee; and

(iii) the name of each successful candidate shall be notified to the Association who shall include it on the register of B grade referees.

**(d) Maintenance of Status:** the following requirements shall be met to maintain a B grade referee status:

(i) to maintain the certification of a B grade referee, each referee must, unless reasonable cause to the contrary is shown (at the Association's sole discretion), officiate at a Championship and be assessed at least once every year, and

(ii) a B grade referee who has become inactive for a period of more than one year shall revert to the status of a C grade. This may be reversed if the referee returns to officiating, is successful in passing the B grade exam and is assessed by an A grade referee.

**(e) Review of Credentials:** the Association may at any time, on the recommendation of the head referee at any Championship, or any Centre, or on their own authority, order a review of the status of any B grade referee.

### **6.3.3 C Grade Referees:** C grade referee requirements are as follows:

**(a) Application for Examination:** anyone desiring to become a C-Grade referee pay a fee of \$30.00, which may be reviewed from time to time by the Association, and must attend a Referee Clinic endorsed by the Association.

**(b) Prerequisites for Examination:** all applicants for a C grade referees examination shall have been refereeing at Centre or Club level for at least one year and have sufficient maturity to handle games requiring C grade referees.

**(c) The Examination:** the following requirements must be met to obtain a C grade referee status:

(i) the theory examination as prescribed by the Association shall be sat at a place suitable to the candidate and to the Association and in the presence of a referee appointed by the Association. That referee shall sign the completed examination paper, initial each page and forward it to the Director of Referees;

(ii) the candidate's refereeing performance must be examined by a higher- graded referee over three or more games. Evaluation forms must be forwarded to the Director of Referees for review.

(iii) the name of each successful candidate shall be notified to the Association who shall include it on the register of C grade referees.

(iv) a C grade referee who has been inactive for a period longer than one year will re-sit the C grade exam, as detailed above.

**(d) Review of Credentials:** the Association may at any time, on the recommendation of the head referee at any Championship, or any Centre, or on their own authority, order a review of the status of any C grade referee.

### **6.4 D Grade Referees/ Minor Officials:** D grade referee requirements are as follows:

**(a) Application for Examination:** all applications for grading as a D grade referee shall be sent to the Association.

**(b) Prerequisites for Examination:** there are no prerequisites for D grade referees examination.

**(c) The Examination:** the following requirements must be met to obtain a D grade referee status:

(i) the candidate must have been introduced to the basic rules of the game and the duties of minor officials through a theory course as delivered by an A or B-Grade referee appointed by the Association.

(ii) the candidate must officiate two games in each capacity as a timekeeper, secretary, and goal judge, (six games total), of any level under the observation of a higher graded referee;

(iii) the name of each successful candidate shall be notified to the secretary of the Association who shall include it on the register of Minor Officials.

**(d) Review of Credentials:** the Association may at any time, on the recommendation of the Head Referee at any Championship, or on their own authority, order a review of the status of any D grade referee.