

NORTH WEST SYDNEY FOOTBALL LTD

Guidelines for Unofficial Club Referees

If no official referee turns up to referee a game then the following should be followed –

1. Managers/coaches from both teams should agree on a person from each team to referee ½ a game each. If both teams agree then one person may take on the responsibility of refereeing the whole game.
2. The person selected preferably should not be either team's coach but if a coach does take on this responsibility then another person must take over the coaching duties for that team.
3. While refereeing instructions to the teams **MUST** be confined to an explanation of
 - why a free kick was awarded
 - why a penalty was awarded
 - or why a card was issued
4. Some canteens will have red/yellow referee cards available in their canteens. An unofficial referee may use these however if there are no cards available then the referee **MUST** let the coaches know if he/she issues red or yellow card.
5. If a yellow card is given, the referee must record it on the eteamsheet.
6. If a red card or second yellow is given to any player, the referee must ensure the player is aware of the card being issued and also send the details to GHFA as below, recording the player's name and shirt number, card type, time of match and circumstances that led to the card.
7. If a player is sent off then the referee **MUST** write a report of the incident and email it to NWSF (nwsf@nwsf.com.au) no later than the Monday following the game.

NOTE : Before the start of the game, the unofficial referee should remind everyone that he/she accepts the responsibility but that need to be aware that he/she has all the powers of an official referee for the period of the game.

Coaches/Managers should remind their own players and spectators of the **CODE of CONDUCT** before the start of the game.
