

## 2021-22 LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITION RULEBOOK

### RULE 11: MATCH OFFICIALS

- 11.1 The home institution should arrange for appropriately qualified officials at each match. All match officials must be appropriately dressed.
- 11.2 The level of official required for each sport is as follows: -
- 11.3 Basketball EABL, ABL and WEABL
- 2 referees qualified to level 2 who must be neutral (not a member of staff or student of either of the competing teams).
  - two level 1 table officials.
- 11.4 Basketball regional leagues
- 2 neutral referees (not a member of staff or student of either of the competing teams), preferably at level 2.
  - Where one of the referees is at level 1, the level 2 referee must be over the age of 18.
  - Where the away team has agreed before travelling, the match can be officiated by one level 1, neutral referee.
  - Where both teams agree, each team can supply a qualified referee.
  - Two table officials must be appointed who could be non-playing students of the home team.
- 11.5 Cricket
- Each umpire must be officially qualified through the ECB Association of Cricket Officials.
- 11.6 Men's Football Premier League and Premier Cup
- A neutral referee qualified at a minimum of level 7.
  - Two neutral assistant referees qualified at a minimum of level 7.
- 11.7 Football Championships and Women's Premier League
- A neutral referee qualified at a minimum of level 7.
  - Two neutral assistant referees qualified at a minimum of level 7.
  - Assistant referees may be students who are qualified, registered with a County FA, who wear proper referee's attire and are not on the team sheet of the team.

- 11.8 Football regional leagues, Knockout Cup and pan-disability competitions
- A neutral referee qualified at a minimum of level 7.
  - If both teams agree, the referee can be a member of staff from either team who holds a current football referee qualification
- 11.9 National Futsal Series
- The preference is that two futsal referees must be provided, who may be staff or students from the home institution as long as they are qualified.
  - However, to ensure that matches are played, it is acceptable for only one referee to be provided as long all teams are made aware at least 48 hours before the match.
  - The host team must provide a student or member of staff to operate the stopped clock where required.
- 11.10 Futsal tier 2 and regional festivals
- Every attempt should be made to appoint a qualified referee.
  - With agreement from all competing teams, matches can be officiated by the staff accompanying the teams.
- 11.11 Hockey league and cup
- Two neutral, qualified umpires. This is mandatory in the cup competition from the quarter final.
  - If both teams are in agreement, each team can provide an umpire. Where this is the case, they must be qualified to do so and, if they are a member of staff, may only participate in coaching duties during the interval.
- 11.12 Netball Premier League
- The home team must arrange for two Netball Europe Award Grade B umpires. If it is impossible to obtain Netball Europe Award Grade B umpires, then Grade C can be used as long as they are active i.e. they have umpired regularly in the last two years.
  - The umpires must verify the score with the scorer at the end of the game.
  - The home team must provide a scorer who cannot be a player named on the team sheet.

#### 11.13 Netball regional leagues and cup

- The home team should arrange for two neutral, qualified umpires. The minimum qualification is the England Netball Introduction to Officiating Award.
- Where both teams agree, this could be one qualified umpire from each team. Where a member of staff acts as an umpire they must be qualified to do so and may only participate in coaching duties during the interval.
- The home team must provide a scorer who cannot be a player named on the team sheet.
- From the quarter final of the cup competition onwards, the home team must provide two neutral, qualified umpires.

#### 11.14 Rugby Union Premier League

- The home team must provide a neutral, qualified referee.

#### 11.15 Rugby Union regional league and cup

- The home team must provide a neutral, qualified referee unless the following applies.
- If both teams agree, the referee can be a member of staff from either team who holds a current rugby union officiating qualification.
- A neutral referee must be provided in the cup competition, from the quarter final.

#### 11.16 Volleyball

- The home team should provide the following officials:
  - First referee
  - Second referee
  - Scorer
  - and two line-judges
- Where both teams agree, each team can supply one qualified referee. Where a member of staff acts as an umpire, they may only participate in coaching duties during the time outs and between sets.

11.17 Where the referee/umpire does not turn up to a match, the home team will provide a person to officiate the first half and will offer the away team the opportunity to officiate the second half. If the away team declines the invitation, the home team will officiate the whole match. The away team

should contact the Competition Administration Officer to report that the referee/umpire failed to turn up, so that the matter can be investigated.

- 11.18 The home institution is responsible for paying all officials, umpires etc their match fees and/or expenses.
- 11.19 Match officials must be provided with suitable changing facilities which are secure and well-maintained.