

Newcastle



Mini Soccer

## **Procedure for Appointment of Referees**

It is the responsibility of the home team to make every reasonable effort to identify a neutral and fully qualified referee.

A fully qualified referee is defined as a referee currently registered with the Football Association. Referees who have registered in the past but who have not maintained a current registration with the Football Association are not recognised as fully qualified. Referees should therefore be able to quote their current registration number.

If the home team is unable to identify a suitable referee, then the away team shall be given a reasonable opportunity to identify a neutral and fully qualified referee. This matter shall be discussed when the home team makes contact with the away team to make the practical arrangements for the hosting of the match.

It is recognised that it is not always possible for either team to identify a neutral and qualified referee.

If neither team is able to identify a neutral and fully qualified referee, then a coin **MUST** be spun before the commencement of the match. The winner of the toss of the coin can choose either a) to identify a referee who has an association with his/her own club, or b) to ask the Manager of the opposing team to identify a referee from his/her club. In either case, preference should be given to any person who has successfully completed an introductory course in Refereeing Skills for Mini Soccer as organised by the Newcastle Mini Soccer League. All teams are required to make every effort to nominate supporters to attend these training courses.

Once the referee has been appointed following the toss of the coin, the referee shall be deemed to be an official appointee of the Northumberland Football Association. The referee shall administer the Laws of the Game as if appointed as a neutral and fully qualified referee. The duties of the referee include his/her sole decision as to whether the field of play is safe to commence or continue a match. The referee shall also report under normal procedures all yellow or red cards, and any formal reports which have been issued.

Managers of all teams are reminded of their duty under the Parents Charter never to publicly question the authority or integrity of the referee. Managers of all teams are also reminded of their duty to ensure that any supporters also follow the Parents Charter

**Restriction added 6th November 2007. The league shall accept no liability arising as a result of any referee not being in position of a valid CRB certificate. Applications for entry to the league shall be on the basis that the teams accept this restriction. Teams currently in membership must resign if they do not accept this restriction. Teams who choose to remain in membership thereafter accept this restriction.**

**The League will not accept or enter into any correspondence under any circumstances if the above procedure is not used.**