



CLUB APPOINTED REFEREES (CTA)

Dear Club Presidents

It's timely to remind all Clubs about the problems currently being experienced by the shortage of qualified referees.

Last weekend for instance, only 8 referees were available for 11 games. Consistent with referee policy, referee appointments are based on match ranking and in this case, there were three U16 games without referees.

Where a referee cannot be appointed to a game the two teams involved may agree on a referee. If they cannot agree, the home team appoints a referee. The official referee appointments are announced by Jim McBride by email usually by mid week which should allow sufficient time for the designated home team to make appropriate arrangements. If any coaches/team managers are not receiving this information please let me know and I'll advise Jim accordingly.

Understand that sometimes late withdrawals or changes impact on referee appointments which are unavoidable. Any appointment changes are advised as soon as possible.

The current U16s draw on occasions has the game not being played at the home team's ground and is played elsewhere. This situation that does not alter the fact that it is still the home team's responsibility to appoint.

This often results in unqualified referees being appointed.

Such appointments should be supported by team coaches and officials, but at the end of the day, the role of coaches includes teaching correct skills and techniques, instilling discipline and eradicating bad habits that players adopt.

Could this information please be passed on to all coaches.