

## Guidance Notes for Match Officials

### Veterans Cup 2019-20

PLEASE NOTE: The following provides **extracts** of Competition Rules and Instructions for the above Competition. Clubs should, therefore, refer to the 'Cups and Competitions' pages of the [Hertfordshire FA website](#) for full details of the rules.

#### All rounds up to and including Semi-Finals

#### REPORTING OF MATCH RESULT

Each appointed Referee must report the result of their fixture to the Hertfordshire FA by completing the online Match Officials Report Form within two days of the fixture.

The form can be found here:

<https://fs4.formsite.com/Hertfordshirefa/RefereReportForm/index.html>

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT BY HOME CLUB

The Home Club in each Tie is responsible for notifying the Match Officials of exact details of the location of the ground, date of match and kick-off time, by the Monday prior to the game. For the final tie, confirmation will be made by Hertfordshire FA.

Match Officials are asked to report breaches of this Rule to **Keith Hicks**. Match Officials are required to acknowledge details of the match arrangements with the Home Club.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPOINTMENT TO REFEREES SECRETARY

Match Officials are required to acknowledge all appointments to **Steve Dignum** by email to [stevedignum@btinternet.com](mailto:stevedignum@btinternet.com). As the match takes preference over all other football, you are expected to confirm your availability if you have not already closed the date with Hertfordshire FA.

#### DRESS CODE/ARRIVAL AT GROUND

Match Officials appointed to County matches must wear the standard black and white kit or all black kit. Match Officials are also expected to be of a smart appearance. In all County Cup competitions, the Hertfordshire County Badge must be worn.

Match Officials must arrive at the ground at least 30 minutes before the advertised kick off for matches prior to the Quarter-finals and at least one hour before the advertised kick off time for the Quarter-finals and subsequent rounds.

## DURATION OF MATCH

The match shall be of 40 minutes each way. Extra time, of 10 minutes each way, must be played if the scores are level at the end of normal time. If the scores are level at the end of extra time, then the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance to the procedure laid down in the Laws of the Game.

There are no replays in this competition.

## HALF TIME

The half time interval shall not exceed 15 minutes which may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

## TEMPORARY DISMISSALS (SIN-BINS)

Please be aware that the use of Temporary Dismissals (also known as sin-bins) will be used in this Competition as per FA requirements. Their use will only be for dissent and for no other cautionable offence.

## SUBSTITUTES

**Five** substitutes can be used from **five** named for each team, but the names must be given to the Referee prior to kick off.

In addition, repeated (roll-on, roll-off) substitutions are permitted. As such a player who has been substituted during a match becomes a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance within law 3 of the Laws of the Game.

## COLOURS

Home clubs are required to inform the Away team of the Home team colours, as it is the **Away** team who must change if there is a clash of colours.

## FEES

Match Official fees for this Competition are as follows:

Referee:	<b>£ 35.00</b>
Assistant Referees:	<b>£ 27.00</b> (where officially appointed)

These are 'all inclusive' fees - there is no separate payment for travel.

The **Home** team will pay the Referee the match fee. This is for all rounds up to and including the Semi-Finals. If Assistant Referees are appointed the **Home** team will pay one Official and the **Away** team will pay the other Official. It remains the responsibility of the **Home** team to ensure all payments are made to the Match Officials.

## **POSTPONED MATCHES**

Note that in the event of a match being postponed, the same Match Officials remain appointed for the rearranged game which must be played the following week. Where a match is not played owing to causes over which neither club has control, the Match Officials in attendance shall be entitled to claim travel expenses incurred at 40p per mile.

## **ABANDONED MATCHES**

If the Referee abandons a match due to ground conditions, it becomes void and must be played again the following week. If abandoned due to misconduct, a written misconduct report will be necessary from the Referee and sent to Hertfordshire FA.

If abandoned through no fault of either club after the completion of normal time, but before the end of extra time, then the game shall be played again at the ground of the away team.

## **CHANGING FACILITIES**

Home clubs should advise the match officials in advance of cases where there are no changing facilities, or where the facilities fall well below the required standard as per **Rule 14B**. To help us monitor any cases of clubs not adhering to this rule, referees are asked to report all such cases to Hertfordshire FA.

## **MISDEAMEANOURS OF CLUBS**

Referees are to report all cases of late match confirmations, late kick offs failure to wear numbered shirts, poor/lack of changing facilities and failure to provide a linesman for the duration of the game. Reporting of any misdemeanours should be made on the Match Official's Report Form (see above).

**In addition, the following rules will apply from the Semi Final ties:**

## **TEAM SHEET**

For the Semi-final and Final ties, Clubs must list players taking part in the game, including substitutes, on the official Hertfordshire FA Triplicate Team Sheet (already sent to Clubs) and exchange copies with the Referee and their Opponents, in the presence of the Referee, at least 30 minutes before kick off time.

Referees will report to **Keith Hicks** any club failing to comply with this instruction.

Referees must, within two days of the match being played, forward their copy of the team sheet to **Keith Hicks**. The Referee should also report any cases where a team sheet has been amended by a Club after being originally exchanged.

## **ROPED OFF PITCHES**

In the Semi-Final ties of this Competition, the playing pitch must have a railed or roped-off area at least five feet from the goal and touchlines on all sides. Where local regulations do not allow this, the Home Club must find an alternative ground or play on the ground of their opponents, which must comply with the foregoing conditions.

Tape is not considered a satisfactory replacement for rope. All posts or stakes used must be of material considered satisfactory for players' safety.

Referees are required to report all breaches of this Rule to **Keith Hicks**. If a pitch is not satisfactorily roped off, the priority must be to play the match.

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