

# Club Guide to Marking Match Officials



The following points should be considered in conjunction with the marking table:

- the overall performance
- measure the performance on this game only
- don't penalise the referee for errors by the Assistant Referee
- the starting point for the mark is 75 with fluctuation to reflect the performance
- pitch your expectations to this level of football
- be fair and objective
- try not to issue the mark immediately after the game, but allow a period of reflection

## **Deciding on the Referee's Mark**

The following questions focus on the key areas of a referee's performance. They are intended as an "aide memoire", are not necessarily comprehensive and need not be answered individually. It is, however, worth considering them before committing yourself to a mark for the referee.

### **Control and Decision Making**

- How well did the referee control the game?
- Were decisions made in a positive manner?
- Were the Laws applied correctly?
- Was the referee always within reasonable distance of incidents?
- Did the referee use the assistants effectively?

### **Communication and Player Management**

- Was the referee approachable?
- Did the referee respond to the changing pattern of play/mood of players?
- Was the referee confident and quick thinking?
- Was effective player management in evidence?

### **Additional Guidance from The FA**

Club officials should use the full range of marks within each category to help distinguish between different performance levels, e.g. within the 71-80 category a mark of 79 indicates a better performance than a mark of 72.

While some referees may have below average performances, there will usually have been some positive aspects of their performance, so extremely low marks should be very rare.

When club officials are marking a referee, they should always look at the game as a whole and not isolated decisions. The result of the match should not influence the mark and disciplinary action should be judged objectively.

When a mark of 50 or lower is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the Competition. The purpose of this is to assist referees to improve their performance levels, so the comments should be as helpful as possible.

The following table can help identify where the mark for the Referee should be pitched when used in conjunction with 'The FA Guide to Marking Officials'

### Club Referee Marking Clarification Document

"Did very well" - a high level of performance	91+
"Did well" - above the expected standard	81-90
"Did ok, this is the standard we expect" - the STANDARD performance	71-80
"Didn't do quite well enough" - some areas for development	61-70
"Struggled" - below the expected standard - need to report this performance and offer some constructive written advice	51-60
"Should not be at this level" - well below what was expected - need to report this performance and offer some constructive written advice on key basic areas	50 & below

#### Description of Performance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no errors in application of Law</li> <li>extremely fit, always on-top of the action</li> <li>really enhanced enjoyment for everyone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>excellent decision making skills</li> <li>should be refereeing at a higher level</li> </ul>	91+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>very good application of Law</li> <li>fit &amp; close enough to influence play</li> <li>created a good rapport with the players</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>accurate &amp; positive decision making skills</li> <li>could handle tougher games in this League</li> </ul>	81 - 90
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>application of Law generally good</li> <li>fit enough for this game</li> <li>overall worked well with the players</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>firm but approachable</li> <li>got most decisions right</li> <li>a good referee in this League</li> </ul>	71 - 80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>made a few errors in Law</li> <li>decision making was inconsistent</li> <li>sometimes too far from play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had little rapport with the players</li> <li>game was too difficult for him/her</li> </ul>	61 - 70
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had weak control of the game</li> <li>decision making was poor</li> <li>rarely in a position to judge challenges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>very few player management skills</li> <li>needs easier games</li> </ul>	51 - 60
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had no control of the game</li> <li>unable to make decisions</li> <li>fitness was very poor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>couldn't speak to players</li> <li>should not be on this League</li> </ul>	50 & below



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