

ESSEX FA

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ALTERNATIVE REFEREE SHIRT COLOURS

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GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF COLOURED SHIRTS

You will remember that from information circulated last season The FA Referees' Committee sanctioned the use of coloured Referees shirts within County FA affiliated football. Essex FA Council fully endorsed the use of coloured referee shirts in-line with the new amendment to FA Regulations and previously sanctioned the use of a Jade Green as the alternative shirt colour.

Following the release of the new Referee shirts colours over the summer, it became clear that the Jade Green is now no longer readily available therefore the Referees Department submitted a proposal to the Essex FA Council to authorise our Match Officials to be eligible to wear **ANY** coloured referee shirt as an alternative to the black referee shirt.

Following consultation with the Essex FA Council, I am pleased to confirm that the Essex FA Council unanimously approved our proposal. Therefore match officials will now be able to wear an alternative shirt colour on Essex affiliated fixtures, which take place on games operating below Supply League level within Essex.

It is important to note that we have only sanctioned the use of a change in Shirt colour only as Shorts and Socks will remain Black.

All Match Officials will still be expected to have a Black referee shirt, as where there is a clash of colours between the match Referee and the teams, then the Referee **MUST** change to the default **BLACK** Referee Shirt.

However, match officials will now be able to wear any alternative shirt colour should they wish as long as it complies with the Laws of the game as detailed below:

- The two teams must wear colours that distinguish them from each other and the match officials
- Each goalkeeper must wear colours that are distinguishable from the other players and the match officials
- If the two goalkeepers' shirts are the same colour and neither has another shirt, the referee allows the match to be played

When officiating in competitions with neutral assistant referees i.e. Premier Divisions within Essex and Suffolk Border League, The Prokit UK Essex Olympian Football League and Essex County Cup Competitions **ALL officials must be in the same colour** either **Black** or **GREEN** (now known as **Volt**) otherwise they **MUST** all revert to wearing **black**

PLEASE NOTE: Referees' uniforms must not carry any form of advertising.

Essex FA's advice to ALL match officials is to **ALWAYS** take your **BLACK** kit to matches even if it is your intention to use an alternative coloured shirt.