



# A Guide For Club Referees

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## PRE-MATCH CHECKLIST

### ***Are all players wearing the appropriate equipment?***

*Check that all players are wearing suitable footwear and shin pads. No jewellery should be worn or taped.*

### ***Is the Field of Play and equipment safe to play?***

*Take a walk around the field of play to check for anything that might be dangerous. Pay particular attention to anything loose on the field, as well as ensuring goalposts are safely secured to the ground.*

### ***Have you got the correct equipment?***

*As you assume all the powers and duties of a qualified official, you'll need a whistle, watch(es), and red and yellow cards (just in case!)*

### ***Who is going to help you?***

*In 9v9 or 11v11 football, ask for some support from clubs by providing Assistant Referees to help with the ball in and out of play and offside judgements. Introduce yourself and discuss how you can work together.*

## DURING THE MATCH

***As a Club Referee, you assume all of the Powers & Duties of an appointed Match Official.***

### ***Don't forget that:***

*Temporary Dismissals (commonly known as Sin Bins) are in operation to manage dissent during games at all Grassroots matches. An online guide to Sin Bins can be found at: [www.fareferees.co.uk/temporary-dismissals](http://www.fareferees.co.uk/temporary-dismissals) or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page.*

*Should it be required, you may administer cautions or dismissals (yellow / red cards) as you feel appropriate. The name and offence should be recorded at the time so that you are able to report them to Suffolk FA following the fixture.*



**Scan this QR Code to visit the  
online Sin Bin Guide.**







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### ***Have you issued any misconduct?***

*If you were required to issue any misconduct during the match (yellow or red cards), please e-mail [Discipline@SuffolkFA.com](mailto:Discipline@SuffolkFA.com) with the following information:*

Home Team Name v Away Team Name

Date of Fixture

Competition

Players Name, Club and Offence Committed

### ***Need to discuss anything that's happened?***

*If you'd like to speak to a member of the team following your game to discuss anything that took place, you can call 01449 616606.*

### ***And finally...***

By assuming the role of the referee, you have helped to support grassroots football within Suffolk... thank you!

**[www.SuffolkFA.com](http://www.SuffolkFA.com)**

## **BECOME A QUALIFIED REFEREE**

Scan the QR Code and  
complete the online  
form.



### ***Would you like to become a qualified Referee?***

*The FA Referee Course is designed to equip new referees with the key skills and knowledge they will need to be able to referee grassroots football matches safely and effectively. It is for people aged 14 and over who want to referee mini soccer, 9 v 9 and/or 11 v 11 football.*

***To register your interest, please scan the QR Code above and complete the online form or e-mail [Referees@SuffolkFA.com](mailto:Referees@SuffolkFA.com).***

