

GENERAL INFORMATION*

Lead Area:	Community & Game Development
Lead Procedure Title:	MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS PROCEDURE
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APPLICATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

- This procedure is to be followed by WARURA, RugbyWA and all Clubs.
- No game shall proceed without a suitably qualified referee.

STEP BY STEP PROCESS

- Procedure for appointment of Match Officials:

Step	Description of action	Responsible
1	There shall be a referee for every competition match: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. who shall be appointed under the authority of RWA and WARURA, or 2. where no such referee has been appointed or fails to arrive, a substitute may be agreed on by the teams, or 3. where agreement cannot be reached, the referee shall be arranged by the home club, preferably utilizing the individual that has been nominated by the club to comply with Procedure WA1.4 (Club Referee). 	Union WARURA
2	A referee of any competition match or matches must, as a minimum, be Smart Rugby compliant and any referee appointed under RULE 17.1 must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. have a current Australian or other recognized rugby union refereeing accreditation or be in the process of attaining the appropriate accreditation, and must, as a minimum, have completed the theoretical component of the referee course. 2. have completed, signed and submitted an ARU registration form or registered online on Rugby Link for that season (or in the case of a visiting referee have insurance cover from their own Union); and 3. Be a current member of the WARURA (or in the case of a visiting referee, be a member of the official Referees Association of their own Union). 	Union WARURA

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3	NON-APPOINTMENT of referee: if a referee is not appointed under RULE 17.1, and as no match can proceed without a referee, a referee must be appointed in accordance with the Laws of the Game Rugby Union i.e. a suitably qualified person to be agreed between the participating clubs.	Clubs
4	NON-ARRIVAL: In the instance where an appointed referee fails to present prior to a match, the home club secretary should try to contact the WARURA referee administrator, Julie Skiba on 0427 936 395 in the first instance, to see if a replacement can be found. The home club should also inform the SCM of the no-show.	Club WARURA SCM
5	LATE ARRIVAL of referee: if a referee appointed under this procedure does not attend at the match for which they have been appointed within fifteen (15) minutes of the time set down by the Union for the match to commence, a substitute referee may be appointed in accordance with the Laws of the Game Rugby Union i.e. a suitably qualified person to be agreed between participating clubs.	Clubs WARURA
6	INJURY or ILLNESS: If a referee is unable to continue to act in the capacity of referee during any match through illness or injury, a substitute referee must be appointed for the remainder of the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game Rugby Union and the match will then proceed.	Clubs
7	NO REPLACEMENT: If there is no suitable replacement available, the match must be abandoned. The result of the match will be determined in accordance with RWA2 Match Day Rules (Game Abandonment).	Union
8	ASSISTANT REFEREES: Where possible, assistant referees / touch judges for Premiership Premier grade competition matches, will be appointed under the authority of RWA by WARURA and where assistant referees are not so appointed, the two (2) clubs participating in any match must appoint one (1) assistant referee each.	Union WARURA
9	CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE: All clubs playing in any senior competition are required to provide a qualified (ARU Level 1 accredited) assistant referee, to act as a match official in each grade, other than Premier grade, that their club competes in.	Club

OTHER INFORMATION

- Appointment of match officials will be in accordance *with Australian Rugby Referees Accreditation Policies – ARU4* (Appendix C).
<http://www.aru.com.au/referees/Accreditation.aspx>

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY YOU TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE

- RWA 2017 Competition Rules

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