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Referee Uniform Policy

This Policy applies to all FSC Registered Referees. Please refer to the relevant section for the game you are appointed to.

Requirement	Premiership (Men and Women)	Community League (Men and Women)	RDP	Juniors and Team Referees
Attire ground arrival	FSC Referees Polo, black pants and smart shoes.	FSC Referee Polo	FSC Referees Polo, black pants and smart shoes.	NA
Minimum Gear: SS – Short Sleeve LS – Long Sleeve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS Black Shirt • SS Blue Shirt • SS Red Shirt • LS Black Shirt • Black Shorts • Black Socks • Black Boots • Spray jacket • Polo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS Black Shirt • SS Blue Shirt • SS Red Shirt • Black Shorts • Black Socks • Black Boots • Spray jacket • Polo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS Black Shirt • SS Blue Shirt • SS Red Shirt • Black Shorts • Black Socks • Black Boots • Spray jacket • Polo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS Black Shirt • Black Shorts • Black Socks <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • black boots • Spray Jacket
Caps (FSC or non-branded plain black)	Y/(N – 1st Grade)	Y	Y	Y
Referees are encouraged to purchase additional uniform in case of emergency or any other	Y	Y	Y	NA



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circumstances.				
Referees must only use the current Football South Coast supplied uniforms.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carry whistles, flags, cards, watch, a mechanism (notebook etc) to maintain a record of the match and any other equipment required.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Access to a mobile phone to enable submission of match details through the DRIBL administration system.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Where there is a clash of colours, an alternate-coloured shirt is to be worn. Referees are to wear the most appropriate colours considering the teams playing.	Y	Y	Y	The referee must request a marshal to instruct a team or goalkeeper to change their kit if they are wearing black. If a change cannot be made, the game will continue but the referee



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				must submit a report to FSC Office for Junior Council review.
Where possible all referees should be in identical uniforms (all wearing black, red, or blue shirt). However, as a minimum standard the 2 assistant referees must be matching, both wearing short sleeves or long sleeves or spray jackets. Note 1: If only one Team Referee or Junior approved to officiate senior games is appointed to AR, then both ARs must wear the black shirt.	Y (Refer Note 1)	Y (Refer Note 1)	Y	Refer Note 1
In cold and wet weather situations, only Assistant Referees are permitted to wear the FSC approved spray jacket. Under no circumstances are track pants to be worn whilst in the centre or on the line.	Y	Y	Y	Y
If undergarments are worn, they must be black and short sleeve only. No full-length undergarments are permitted unless fully covered by a long sleeve shirt.	Y	Y	Y	Y



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Under no circumstances are members to wear any uniform items that display any logos other than those provided by Football South Coast's approved uniform supplier. Any member who is found to be wearing any uniform items other than FSC approved uniform supplier will be subject to sanctions (Refer Appendix 1)	Y	Y	Y	Y
<p>Developing Referees in Senior Games (Hi Vis Armband)</p> <p>Juniors officiating in Senior Games (Premiership and Community and Team Referees (of less than 2 years' experience) to wear a Hi-Vis armband with the words 'Developing Referee' if they hold a level 4 qualification</p> <p>Note 2: Junior Referees need to Over 16 to be appointed as an Assistant Referee in a Senior Game and Over 18 to be appointed to as (Centre) Referee.</p>	NA	NA	NA	Y (Refer Note 2)



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Appendix 1:

- First Offence - \$50 fine
- Subsequent Offences - 100% of match fees and will be requested to attend a meeting with the Referee Admin to explain their actions

Any fines incurred by members will be removed from the member's next match pay. This is for ease of administration. If said member is not due any match payments, said member will be invoiced accordingly.

Volunteer Referees

- Volunteer Referees are not registered with FSC and may or may not have any refereeing qualification or not appointed by FSC for senior games and junior club coordinators for junior games
- Examples of a volunteer Referee include, but is not limited to:
 - A parent running a line on a junior game.
 - A substitute running a line because the home club was unable to appoint
 - An Ex-Referee who has not renewed qualifications.
- Volunteer Referees are not allowed to wear Referee apparel with the FSC logo.
- All Volunteer Referees must wear a brightly coloured bib that does not clash with the playing strips of the two teams or goalkeepers.