



MEMORANDUM

Reference: M26-16

From: FSC Competition Administrator
Date: 11th June 2026
Subject: Home Club Match Official Compliance

Dear Adult Community League Clubs,

Football South Coast is issuing this memorandum following ongoing concerns regarding club compliance with match official appointment requirements.

All clubs acting as the home club are reminded that the following requirements are mandatory and must be adhered to at all times:

- **Volunteer Referees appointed to matches must be 18 years of age or older.**
- **Volunteer Assistant Referees appointed to matches must be 16 years of age or older.**
- **The names of all match officials must be entered accurately and correctly in Dribl under 'Ground Officials' whilst highlighting their official capacity.**
- **Any non FSC appointed Referee or Assistant Referee (volunteer or otherwise) must wear a referee vest while officiating.**

Where your club has accredited Referees or Assistant Referees available who have not been assigned to a match, you are required to contact Football South Coast at the earliest opportunity so that those officials can be officially appointed where required.

Football South Coast will continue to investigate reports and complaints regarding the appointment of underage or ineligible match officials. Any club found to have appointed a match official who does not meet the minimum age requirements will be subject to disciplinary action under the Football South Coast Competition Rules.

Penalties may include:

- Loss of competition points;
- Match forfeiture;
- Monetary fines; and
- Any additional sanctions deemed appropriate by Football South Coast.

Clubs are expected to ensure that all appointed match officials meet the eligibility requirements before the commencement of each fixture. Failure to do so will not be accepted as an excuse for non-compliance. This notice should be communicated to all relevant club officials responsible for match day operations and referee appointments.

Football South Coast expects immediate compliance from all clubs.

Yours in football,

Kristen Preston
Competition Administrator