

Club and Referee Charter for all Games

Club Commitments	Referee Commitments
1. We will confirm the fixture details to the referee at least 5 days before the game. Our captain and the visiting captain will be advised of the referee's name for welcoming and marking.	1. I will confirm acceptance of my appointment to the club by return and at the latest within 24 hours of receiving it.
2. On arrival, we will identify the pitch to the referee having already checked the markings, goals, secured the nets and flag posts and removed any dangerous debris from the playing surface.	2. I will arrive at the ground at least 45 minutes before kick-off, and introduce myself to the club officials/team captains.
3. We will show the referee the changing room, and at least 15 minutes before kick-off provide the referee with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) our completed team sheet with team and goalkeeper's colours, first and second names, shirt numbers, substitutes and identifying the captain (ii) 2 properly inflated match balls (iii) the match fee (iv) details of post-match hospitality. 	3. I will soon after on my arrival at the ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) check that the field of play satisfies the Laws and Competition Rules, and ask the home team to correct any problems (ii) check the match ball pressures (iii) accept only the fee specified by the Competition (iv) confirm whether I can accept post-match hospitality.
4. We will ensure our players observe basic safety requirements on footwear, shin guards and jewellery.	4. Before the kick-off, I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) may give a short team briefing on my expectations regarding the Laws and Spirit of the Game; and then (ii) will conduct the compulsory check of players' kit including safety requirements.
5. We will do our best to ensure that all players, club officials and spectators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) understand the Spirit of the Game (ii) treat the referee and opponents with respect (iii) refrain from dissent and the use of offensive/insulting/abusive language or gestures. 	5. I will do my best to make correct decisions according to the Laws and the Spirit of the Game, in a consistent manner throughout the game.
6. The Manager and Team Captain will accept responsibility for their personal behaviour and their team's and will lead by example.	6. I will make every effort to be pro-active with the on-field captain in assisting my control of the game and helping to avoid any unnecessary disciplinary action.
7. We will offer the referee a drink at half-time and include the referee in any post-match hospitality.	7. I will stay and accept post-match hospitality after the game whenever possible.
8. In marking the referee, we will consider the referee's appearance, positioning, movement, overall control and contribution to the game as a whole.	8. In marking the club and reporting any misconduct, I will be absolutely honest in my accounts of any incidents.