

DUTY REFEREEING 101

Completing Duty is an integral part of ensuring Dubbo Touch Association can have a successful competition. At times, refereeing can be extremely daunting, and this is even harder when players are new.

As Referee Directors, it is important to provide tools and skills to Duty Referees to ensure they can successfully referee a game. Please see below for some basic tips on Duty refereeing:

- ❖ Onside is 7m. This does not have to be perfect, just consistent. If you are getting players onside at 5m or 10m, that is perfectly fine, just be consistent.
- ❖ Penalties can be confusing, just remember the basic ones
 - ❖ **Touch Pass** – Players gets touched and then passes the ball.
 - ❖ **Forward Pass** – Ball is passed forward to another player.
 - ❖ **Over the mark** – A touch is made, and the player does not play the ball where the touch occurs. Remember, 1 step is **OKAY**, and it is where the player **FEELS** the touch not where the defender makes the touch
 - ❖ **Hard touch** – Players need to make a touch with minimal force. If you think it's too hard then it is too hard.
 - ❖ **Backchat** – This includes swearing at a referee, commentating the referee decisions, appealing for decisions, and or, disputing referee decisions.
- ❖ Don't stress about not knowing what the signals are for a penalty. What you should do is:
 - ❖ Blow your whistle, get everyone's attention.
 - ❖ Tell the players what you saw (Forward Pass, Touch pass etc)
 - ❖ Tell the players where to tap and ensure the defenders are onside at 10m.
 - ❖ TAKE YOUR TIME, IF YOU'RE NOT READY, ASK THE PLAYERS TO WAIT.
- ❖ If you are being abused or players are questioning your decisions, you have the following options:
 - ❖ **Forced Substitution** – this is where a player must return to the sub-box, once the player touches the sub box they can come back on. Think of this as a force rest
 - ❖ **Period of time** – This is where a player has to stand at the end of the field for 4 sets. The team the player comes from can only play with 5 players until the 4 sets are completed
 - ❖ **Send off** – This is where you send a player from the field entirely and they cannot return. You must tell a committee member if this occurs.
- ❖ This season we are introducing a referee backchat and abuse form. This form is separate to an incident report. It is super simple to complete. If you are abused or experience backchat, please fill this out, so we can put an end to this issue.
- ❖ Jackie, Matt, Rick, or Bert will be at the clubhouse at the end of each game. If you have an issue, please let us know and we can help you, and or, explain any questions you have about rules.
- ❖ **THE MOST IMPORTANT TIP IS BE CONFIDENT, STAND BY YOUR DECISION AND TAKE YOUR TIME.**