



# **Queensland All Schools**

**REFEREE POLICY & GUIDELINES**

# **2024**

# REFEREE REQUIREMENTS / GUIDELINES QAS EVENT

## SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

It is an important fact that the Gold Coast Titans All Schools event is the biggest of its kind anywhere. Securing adequate referee numbers is critical to the success of the event and as such, every participating school needs to contribute. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each school nominated/participating in the event to satisfy the requirements below.

- a. **Every school must – as a condition of entry – provide as mandatory, one student referee to the event. Failure to supply the one student referee will see the school's nomination not being accepted.**
- b. Apart from the mandatory provision above, a school is also required to satisfy the referee quota being one referee per team nominated up to a maximum of four referees including the mandatory student official. Schools who cannot provide all or part of their referee requirement will be surcharged at **\$250** per referee or up to a maximum surcharge of **\$1000**. (see also #2 below)
- c. Where a school nominates teams in both Junior (13s & 15s) and Senior divisions (18s) **they must provide a referee to officiate in both divisions.**
- d. The school (and or school contact person) is responsible for ensuring that any referees who are linked to the school, Register (via the designated registration link provided each year) by the due date as advertised or no later than end of term 3 (**Friday 13 September 2024**) and that their referees have seen and understand this Policy document.

**Important Notes** – As per #7 below, referees are required to officiate in a minimum of 10 games. It is the responsibility of the teacher contact to ensure that their referees complete the minimum requirement of games. Further, if a school is required to provide 2 referees, they cannot ask one referee to do 20 games and claim 2 referees as per their obligation. (duty of care to referees shall apply) The referee co-ordinator will monitor the number of games any referee shall do in their best interests.

## BASIC QUALIFICATION

1. All referees at the event shall have minimum **TFA Referee level 1 (one)** accreditation unless they are a competent registered teacher.
2. All referees 18 years and over must have a blue card. (The responsibility for ensuring this is the case rests with the school, where the referee was sourced by the school, and or QTF if from external sources)  
(Note – teachers without accreditation need to be conversant with the TFA 8<sup>th</sup> edition rules. The Tournament Director retains the right to reject inexperienced referees from appointments at the event. (see also #14 below)

## REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Referees 18 years and over must ensure they have a current blue card.
4. **All referees must ensure they Register on the designated link (SportsM8) by the advertised due date or strictly no later than Fri 13 September 2024. Referees should ensure the accuracy of the details requested on registration.** This includes providing the school they may be linked to, their availability during the tournament, and their bank details. Failure to do so may jeopardize payments and in some cases cost a school an extra surcharge fee.
5. Referees must officiate a minimum of **ten (10)** games if they represent a school as part of that school's referee obligation. (see #6 below also)
6. **Each referee must be available at the times their school is present at the event.** Failure to do so may mean the required 10 games are not completed and as such a surcharge will be applied to the school.
7. Referees are first & foremost under the direction of the Tournament Director and secondly, the Referee Co-ordinator.
8. Referees need to adhere to the QAS Code of Conduct and be especially mindful that they are dealing with younger players.
9. Referees must wear the official event 'QAS Referee shirt'. (pink & black) Note - Referees who do not have the uniform will be provided one regardless and the money deducted from their game payments.
10. Referees acknowledge that by accepting an appointment at the All Schools they agree to abide by all conditions contained in this policy.
11. All participating referees are required to read the Referee Policy and agree to all conditions. Accepting games at the event is construed as an acceptance of the Policy.

## **REFEREE APPOINTMENTS & PAYMENT**

12. Referees are appointed by the Referee coordinator and his team. Student referees will not be appointed to games where their own school is playing and should alert the coordinator if this occurs. Referees must be able to referee at the times requested by the referee coordinator if they have not previously submitted their availability on registration. A referee's preferred times are not guaranteed.
13. Referees are paid in accordance with the fee structure below. Payment is usually made by bank transfer however in some cases cash can be organized at the discretion of the Referee Coordinator.
14. Referees game numbers are strictly monitored by the referee coordinator and the SportsM8 system. Verification of games is reconciled with the appointment process. (Note - Referees who place their name on a scorecard without verification or communication with the coordinator will not be paid for this game.)
15. Failure to complete registration and or provide the necessary bank details by the close of the event may mean payments are delayed. (Note – Qld All Schools Touch will not chase officials and there is an absolute deadline for payments to be made. It is the responsibility of all referees to ensure the details provided are accurate.

**16. In the interests of participant schools and their students, the Tournament Director shall retain the right to reject any referee deemed unsuitable from officiating at the event.**

### **17. REFEREE PAYMENT SCHEDULE (updated Aug. 2023)**

<i>Levels 1 to 3</i>	<i>Levels 4 to 6</i>	<i>Incentives</i>
\$10 per triple	\$15 per triple	13 games completed extra \$30
\$15 per double	\$20 per double	18 games completed extra \$80
\$20 per single	\$25 per single	23 games completed extra \$130