

Look after your referees – Players conduct

We have a shortage of referees in the league and we are always encouraging new referees to start. Obviously this means that some games you play in might be refereed by a referee who is fairly inexperienced but they still need to be treated with the same respect. If we lose referees because they have bad experiences refereeing then we won't be able to run the league!

To make things clear here are some pointers:-

General

1. During the game the refs decision is final - end of.
2. It is the same ref for both teams.
3. Any enquiry on a particular decision should be made politely and through the team captain e.g. Can I ask which player committed the offence?
4. Anyone can make a mistake, please accept this and move on, for the mistake may be yours!
5. Any problems with a particular game/ref should be addressed to NWKA league coordinator.

Captains

1. Your team will look to you for a standard of behaviour, do not let them down.
2. Look out for your team mates wellbeing at all times.
3. There are two time outs you can take, one in each half of the game. Please use these to calm your players if things are getting too heated for this can be of great help.

We all want a great playing experience, so let us all make it so. Look after your refs or there will be no play at all!

There is a file from BKA (which is attached) which gives advice on when a ref can (and should) give a card. I would suggest that a bit of common sense is used e.g. where beginners may not know the rules it would be harsh to give a card for repeatedly being too close from a restart.

If clubs have any issues with the standard of refereeing they should contact John Schofield (referee development) in the first instance.