

Guide to Club Marking of Referees

In League and Cup Competitions Clubs are required to award the referee a mark on a scale of 1 - 100. If a Club awards a mark of 50 or less they are required to submit a report to the League Secretary explaining why they have given the mark.

In order to be able to use the club marks to help referees the League Committee use the FA's Standardised Marking Scheme. It allows clubs to mark on the referee's overall performance, not based on isolated incidents or past history. It will also help in the ongoing development of the referee.

Therefore, when marking the referee would you please consider the chart below:

Mark Range Comment

95-100 The referee was extremely accurate in decision making and very successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play, adding real value to the game.

91-95 The referee was very accurate in decision making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play.

81 - 90 The referee was accurate in decision making and controlled the game well, communicating with the players, making a positive contribution towards fair play.

65-80 The referee was reasonably accurate in decision making, controlled the game quite well and communicated with players, establishing a reasonable degree of fair play.

51-64 The referee had some shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control, with only limited success in communicating with the players resulting in variable fair play.

50 or below The referee had significant shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control with poor communication with the players which resulted in low levels of fair play

Control & Decision Making

- How well did the referee control the game?
- Were the players' actions recognised correctly?
- Were the Laws applied correctly?
- Were all incidents dealt with efficiently/effectively?
- Were all the appropriate sanctions applied correctly?
- Was the referee always within reasonable distance of incidents?
- Was the referee well positioned to make critical decisions, especially in and around the penalty area?
- Did the referee understand the players' positional intentions and keep out of the way accordingly?
- Did the referee demonstrate alertness and concentration throughout the game?
- Did the referee apply the use of the advantage to suit the mood and temperature of the game?
- Was the referee aware of the players' attitude to advantage?

- Did the referee use the assistants effectively?
- Did the officials work as a team, and did the referee lead and manage them to the benefit of the game?

Communication & Player Management

- How well did the referee communicate with the players during the game?
- Did the referee's level of involvement/profile suit this particular game?
- Did the referee understand the players' problems on the day – e.g. difficult ground/weather conditions?
- Did the referee respond to the changing pattern of play/mood of players?
- Did the referee demonstrate empathy for the game, allowing it to develop in accordance with the tempo of the game?
- Was the referee pro-active in controlling of the game?
- Was the referee's authority asserted firmly without being officious?
- Was the referee confident and quick thinking?
- Did the referee appear unflustered and unhurried when making critical decisions?
- Did the referee permit undue questioning of decisions?
- Did the referee deal effectively with players crowding around after decisions/incidents?
- Was effective player management in evidence?
- Was the referee's body language confident and open at all times?
- Did the pace off the game, the crowd or player pressure affect the referee negatively?