



**CHARTER STANDARD
COMMUNITY CLUB**

Checklist for teams to support young referee's

- Referees are required to arrive at the ground a minimum of 30 minutes before the advertised kick off time for the match.
- On arrival at the ground/pitch, referees are required to introduce themselves to the managers.
- Referees are required to check the pitch and playing surface prior to kick off for anything they feel would be sufficiently hazardous to affect the wellbeing of the players. Anything that is deemed to be hazardous should be reported to the home team manager and rectified, to the satisfaction of the referee, prior to the start of the game.
- Referees are required to check the goals to ensure the nets are securely attached, that there are no holes and that the goals themselves are secured into the ground. Any defects should be reported to the home team manager and rectified prior to the start of the game. If it is not dealt with to the satisfaction of the referee, the game should not start.
- Referees are required to oversee the checking of player cards prior to start of the match regardless of whether it is a friendly or league match.
- Clubs are fully aware that they can use ID checks from the following sources: - Printed team lists or cards on mobile devices such as iPad, mobile telephone or similar.
- Referees should ensure that they are handed a team sheet by each team 15 minutes prior to the start of the game which should be exchanged with the other team.
- The team sheet should state the name of the team, the opponents, the date of the fixture, the players who are starting alongside their shirt number, the additional substitutes, again with their shirt numbers alongside.
- No game, friendly or otherwise, should kick off before a team sheet is handed to the referee.
- Referees should advise that the result of any match which goes ahead without player IDs being checked using the ONLY the methods prescribed above will be deemed null and void. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OR VARIATIONS ALLOWED TO THIS RULE.

YEL also encourage teams to be supportive of young referees, speak to them in a respectful and encouraging manner.

Please offer positive feedback to them about their officiating of the match as well as constructive feedback.

Please contact welfare@westbridgfordcolts.com if you have a concern about a match, eg; players, officials or spectators, do not contact the League directly.





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REFEREES KIT AND EQUIPMENT

- Referees will be required to wear official referees kit and bring equipment as follows: - Black referee's shirt ideally branded with the FA badge or County FA badge. Black referee's shorts, Black, knee length referee socks – please ensure these are kept pulled up at all times during the game.
- Suitable clean footwear – boots or other depending on the requirements of the playing surface. Black boots are recommended.
- The YEL Referees Team requires referees to have the following equipment - a referees stopwatch (ideally a wrist watch – NOT mobile phones), whistle, red and yellow cards, pencil or pen and a pocket notebook.
- Referees are required to supply assistant referee flags for 9v9 games and 11v11 games. These must be maintained and clean.
- No other kit is acceptable unless approved by the YEL Referees Team. A rain jacket/tracksuit top and ideally fingerless gloves are acceptable in extreme circumstances. Tracksuit bottoms are not suitable under any circumstances. No other kit is acceptable during the game unless authorised by the YEL Referees Team. Managers and coaches are encouraged to report referees who do not adhere to this.

