



Wyoming Football Club Inc.

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Wyoming Football Club Cadet Referee program 2018

This program is a great place for you to get a taste of refereeing to see if you enjoy the role before making the decision to perhaps becoming a fully-fledged official referee.

You're always supported as we have Club Supervisors who are on hand nearby or at the sideline, wearing a fluoro vest. They are there to give you guidance on game rules, crowd control and answer any questions you may have.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Open to all players in U12s to M/W15s (u11s by administrator approval)
- We ask all cadets to complete the "Laws of The Game" certificate asap. LINK BELOW.
 - <https://laws.myfootballclub.com.au/>
 - If obtained in previous years then it does not need to be redone.
- Games to officiate: **U5s to U9s**
 - If no black & white officials are available for U10s-11s an experienced cadet may be appointed.
- You must be available Saturday mornings
- Each week participants are asked to provide their availability for the following week so we can schedule games – If you play on Saturday mornings check your availability to referee.
- Participants are paid \$5 a game.
- All participants will be provided a set of rules.

The Cadet Referee Administrator is **Scott Snodgrass (President)** until another administrator is found.

For all enquiries - Phone 0404 020 624 or email president@wyomingfc.com.au

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

- 1) Cadet parents are emailed/texted weekly to assess availability for the following weekend. You are asked to reply with your availability by Tuesday evening.
- 2) Cadet appointments will be made by Wednesday and advised by Thursday evening at the latest
- 3) Payment of cadet referee fees will be made at the WFC canteen. They will have a list of the appointed cadets so at the completion of your game(s) you can approach the table and collect your fees.

GAME DAY – ON ARRIVAL

- a) It is best to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time of your delegated game
- b) On arrival, attend the WFC official table situated near the canteen, to advise your arrival.
- c) Ensure you have your whistle (provided) and something to time your game with, a stop watch is great or a normal watch is fine.
- d) If refereeing an Under 10 or 11 game, please have a notepad and pen to record the score.
- e) You will be issued a cadet referee shirt which must be worn whilst refereeing and returned at the end of your scheduled games.
- f) Introduce yourself to the team's Coaches as the cadet referee appointed to their match and ask the home game Coach for the game ball.

ON ARRIVAL TO THE FIELD PLEASE CHECK

- the field for any holes/sprinkler heads etc
- the field has goals and all lines are marked
- that there is a game ball and it is the right size for the age group that you are refereeing (Under 5 to 9 = size 3, under 10 and 11 = size 4)
- the players to ensure they are dressed in correct uniform, shin pads are worn and that they are wearing no jewellery.

GETTING STARTED

At kick off time stand in the middle of the field and the players should get into their positions. If they don't, give your whistle a quick blow to let them know that kick off is soon.

The away team kicks off first half.

Decide what you are going to call each team and stick with it throughout the game i.e. Wyoming/Gosford or Yellow/Red

Record each goal scored by each team in a notepad. For U10 and U11 games only you must record the score at the Official Table immediately after the game.

SOME RULES TO REMEMBER IN MINI-ROOS

The game is to be kept flowing as much as possible but be confident and firm with your decisions.

Hand Ball	Penalise
Throw-Ins	<u>U5-U7s</u> Kick-ins only <u>Under 8 and 9</u> . These kids are learning to do throw-ins so let them have another chance or maybe even show them how <u>Under 10 and 11</u> . These kids should know how, so penalise if incorrect.
Free kicks	If a free kick is awarded, move the opposing team 5 metres back from the kicker. These kicks need to be touched by a person on the field before a goal can be awarded. The exception is for a penalty shot in front of goal
Injury	If an injury has occurred, it may be best to stop play to get the child attended to
Offside	There is no offside in Mini Roos. However in Under 10 and 11's please ask Coaches before the game if they want the offside rule to be enforced. If both agree then penalise where appropriate
Game time	Game times differ for various age groups (All 5 min break) U5s-7s (15min halves) Under 8 and 9's 20 min halves Under 10 and 11's 25 min halves
Retreating Back	Have all U5s-7s retreat back after awarding a free kick, goal kick, kick-in or from a kick-off.

COMMUNICATION

Communication with the players is one of the most important aspects to good refereeing. Use multiple forms of communication to give instruction to the players. Some examples are:

Voice:

- Introductions to participants, Coaches and others prior to kick off
- Explaining a breach of the rules/laws to participants during the game
- Relating an account of an incident to a judiciary/tribunal

Whistle:

- To award a free kick or infringement
- To end a period of play

Body language:

- Eye contact
 - Stance
 - Hand
- A confident verbal communication style assists officials in managing all parties, characterised by a clear voice, appropriately chosen words in a firm manner
 - Confident and decisive body language. This shows a person in control of themselves and the competition
 - Court presence is an effective selling tool for officials. Officials should look good and come across as someone with authority and in control of the situation.
 - Good body language involving eye contact, a comfortable stance, hands behind the back, a nod of acceptance - all give the impression of being approachable and always in control.

GAME TIPS

Indicate half time with 2 blows of your whistle and take possession of the match ball until play resumes. At full time blow the whistle 3 times.

Your whistle gives you control over the game. Use it loudly and clearly and the players will appreciate it. Varying the whistles tone, volume and length of sound is an often under-utilised but effective conflict management tool.

Be clear with your instructions whether it is with the whistle or hand signals.

At full time if the Coaches haven't initiated shaking hands please initiate.

On the night before you referee, check what age group you are scheduled for and refresh your memory with the rules the night before.

Different age groups have slightly different rules. A great site to check is below:

https://www.playfootball.com.au/sites/play/files/2018-01/14701_football_aldi-miniroos-collateral_playing-formats-rules.pdf

Note Under 6-7s also covers U5s

