## REFEREEING



#### REFEREING OVERVIEW

Are you interested in becoming a Touch Football Referee?

Touch Singapore in conjunction with the Federation of International Touch run regular Level 1, 2 and 3 referee courses each year. Additionally, coaching and development opportunities are available to referees seeking international experience and upgrading to Level 4, 5 and 6.

Becoming a referee ensures you are equipped with the knowledge of the Rules of the game, the latest on-field game information and skills to manage a safe environment for all. It is a great way to remain fit and actively participate in the sport.

#### **REFEREE ENQUIRES**

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#### **GENERAL REFEREE INFORMATION**

To further advance a referee must:

- demonstrate ambition;
- strive to be consistent in their officiating within a game and from game to game;
- ensure the game is enjoyed by all participants.

If a referee wishes to progress, they must meet the following:

- possess a sound knowledge of all Rules;
- be physically and mentally fit;
- exhibit a desire to be coached and execute areas identified by the coach;
- demonstrate strong 'people skills' to ensure superior handling of game participants;
- regular refereeing at multiple events to gain experience.

Referees must have full awareness of:

- their strengths and areas that require improvement;
- minimum expectations to advance to the next level;
- their long terms plans to meet objectives;
- skills being assessed by assessors.

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#### **ADVICE FOR ALL REFEREES**

- 1. Remain humble and listen. Learn something new in each game you referee.
- 2. Display exemplary conduct at all times, including in other capacities such as a player or coach.
- 3. Accept advice from all coaches and execute that advice. Coaches have suitable qualifications and skills to advise.
- 4. Referee as many tournaments as possible and matches of varying skill level.
- 5. Observe the performance of higher-level referees and discuss aspects of refereeing with them.
- 6. Where possible request a coach or mentor critically review your game.
- 7. Obtain video footage where possible and analyse your performance.
- 8. Continually work on your fitness, both physical and mental. A fit referee has a clear mind, makes consistent decisions and less errors.
- 9. Junior referees focus on the basics, be bold and continually communicate with players.
- 10. Senior referees maintain enthusiasm. You are a role model for referees and players who will see you as more credible and approachable for advice and assistance.

# REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

TSG follows Touch Football Australia six tier accreditation.



Opportunities are available for any referee to progress through to the elite Level 6 accreditation.

## **RESOURCES**

Touch Football Australia has a number of useful referee resources. <a href="www.dartfish.tv/touchfootballaustralia">www.dartfish.tv/touchfootballaustralia</a> along with other tools to assist referees, coaches and participants at any level to help develop their Touch Football knowledge.