

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	RUGBY SERVICES
Lead Procedure Title:	MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS POLICY
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

This procedure describes the appointment of Match Officials by the South Australia Rugby Union Referees Associations (SARURA)

No match can commence without a Referee, either appointed by SARURA or in reference to Step 4 below, another qualified person. A **qualified person** is one who, at minimum, holds:

1. Current Smart Rugby certification
2. Current Working with Children (WWC) check (for any matches involved players <18 years of age)

STEPS – RA Officials Accreditation

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	No Referee under the age of 17 should be appointed to a match within 2 years below their own age group. eg. if a referee is 15, they may appointed to referee the U13s and below.	RA/SARURA/ RUSA
2	No Assistant Referee under the age of 17 should be appointed to a match more than 2 years above their own age group. eg. if a referee is 13, they may be appointed to assistant referee in the U15s and below.	SARURA
3	Exceptions to the above may be made in rare cases where a referee may benefit from a development experience in a controlled environment with appropriate support from ARs and referee coaches. Under no circumstances may a referee be regularly appointed outside of these guidelines.	RA / RUSA

STEPS – Appointment of a Referee (U12 and Above)

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	Referees will be appointed for all Matches in U12 to Seniors by SARURA, and notified to RUSA, in accordance with the Rugby Australia Match Official Accreditation Policy, including the requirement for any referee to be Smart Rugby compliant.	SARURA/ RUSA
2	The SARURA will notify RUSA of the names of all Match Officials appointed to officiate in all Matches conducted by RUSA in any Finals Series.	SARURA
3	If an appointed Referee does not attend at the Match for which they have been appointed within fifteen (15) minutes of the time set down by RUSA for the Match to commence, the “Reporting the non-appearance of a Referee” policy/procedure should be referenced.	Clubs
4	If a referee is not appointed by SARURA, then a referee must be appointed in accordance with the Laws of Rugby Union (particular Law 6 – Match Officials), including the requirement for any Referee to hold a current Smart Rugby qualification	Clubs
5	If a Referee is unable to continue to act in the capacity of Referee during any Match through illness or injury a substitute Referee must be appointed for the remainder of the Match in according with the Laws of Rugby Union (including Smart Rugby) and the match may proceed.	Clubs

STEPS – Appointment of Assistant Referees

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STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	Where possible, Assistant Referees will be appointed by SARURA and where Assistant Referees are not so appointed, the two (2) Clubs participating in any match must appoint one (1) Assistant Referee each.	SARURA/ Clubs
2	Any Assistant Referee under the age of 17 must not Assistant Referee any Grade which is more than 2 years above their current age as per RA Officials Accreditation.	RA / SARURA / RUSA
3	To Assistant Referee any senior match, the individual must be at least 17 years of age	RA/SARURA/ Clubs

STEPS – Appointment of Referee in Junior Participation Program matches (U6/7, U8 and U10)

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	Any volunteer Referee for U6/7, U8 and U10 matches must at minimum be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smart Rugby compliant - Working with Child Check compliant 	Clubs
2	The team listed as the “Home” team for any match in U6/7, U8 and U10 will be responsible for appointing a referee if a referee is required	Clubs

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