

OPERATIONAL POLICY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area:	2025 -26 Competition Rules
Procedure Title:	Appointment of Referees & Assistant Referees
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APPOINTMENT OF REFREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

Appointments Referees will be appointed for all Matches from Under 9 upwards by the Northern Territory Rugby Referee Association (NTRRA) and the Union in accordance with the Rugby Australia Match Official Accreditation Policy.

The NTRRA will notify the Union of the names of all Referees appointed to officiate in all Matches conducted by the Union in any Finals Series.

If a Referee appointed under the NTRRA does not attend at the Match for which they have been appointed within fifteen (15) minutes of the time set down by the Union for the Match to commence a substitute Referee may be appointed by NTRRA in accordance with the Rugby Australia Match Official Accreditation Policy.

If no NTRRA registered match official is available, the NTRU General Manager or their appointed delegate is permitted to assign a club person to referee the match. The person assigned must hold a current Smart Rugby accreditation.

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 accordance with the Rugby Australia Match Official Accreditation Policy and the Match will then proceed.

No Match will proceed without a Referee

Where possible, Assistant Referees will be appointed by NTRRA and where Assistant Referees are not so appointed, the two (2) Clubs participating in any Match must appoint one (1) Assistant Referee each.

To Assistant Referee any senior match, the individual must be at least 14 years of age.

Clubs who fail to abide by Rugby AU and NTRU policies which create a safe match day environment may be forced to appoint their own Referees for fixtures. NTRU supports NTRRA to use its discretion in enforcing CTA (Club to appoint). Where CTA is in place for any fixture in any grade, the "home Team" will be responsible for providing the referee. The requirements for CTA include a current SMART Rugby accreditation. Clubs who fail to appoint a Referee will forfeit their competition points and may be subjected to further sanctions imposed by the Competition Manager