

Essex Walking Football League



Referee Meeting Monday 17th February 2025 Minutes



In attendance: Derek Hornsey, Richard Coleman, Trevor Ridley, John Ackred, Richard Windibank, David Axcell, Tony Brooks, Jon Moore, Damian O'Reilly, Barry Staples, Peter Quinn, Gerry Tyler, Gary Murphy, Paul Tregent, Billy Sedgwick.



Meeting started at 7pm

Use of Availability App: Derek Hornsey requested that all referees indicate their availability using the App otherwise they would not be appointed to match days.

Dress Code: Derek Hornsey asked all referees to ensure they were wearing correct referee kit otherwise they would not be allowed to officiate.

FA Laws of the game: Billy Sedgwick gave a most thought provoking presentation on the FA Laws of the Games as they were to be implemented by the EWFL in the coming season. There were several questions raised:

- DOGSO – there was a long discussion about what constituted a Denial of an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity. Although this is a very hard decision to judge it was agreed that there should be more consistency in awarding DOGSOs.
- A question was raised about whether the goal area line was a part of the goal area or not. It was made clear that the goal area line IS part of the goal area and therefore only the goalkeeper can make contact with it.
- It was made clear that the use of Green cards would only be used for individual warnings for fouls. Green cards would not be used for non-walking team infringements which are not added to the individual's total.
- A question was raised about the League keeping a tally of individual players blue cards and that there should be some sort of sanction for those who accumulate a number of blue cards throughout the season. The League will discuss how this will be managed at a future league meeting.
- Referees were advised that if a player enters the field of play before the player they are replacing leaves the field of play that the referee should wait for the player being replaced to leave the field of play before issuing a Blue card to the player who entered the field of play.

Red Cards: Derek Hornsey requested that any referee report following the issuing of a Red card should be sent to Derek so the EWFL can deal with the matter or decide to send on to the County FA.

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Meeting closed at 8.30