



Mid Herts Rural Minors League

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Dear Managers,

Referee Allocation Procedures for U12-U18 games for 2018-2019

In order to understand the Referee allocation procedure, please be aware of the following:-

Referee allocations rely on many factors:-

- KO times;
- Staggered KO times;
- Referees availability;
- Referee coverage; (is the Referee associated with any of the teams);
- Has the Referee expressed a wish not to Referee a chosen team;
- The number of fixtures and the location of those fixtures;

Allocations are made at least one week in advance. KO times therefore need to be published on Mitoo as soon as possible after Fixtures are released (which is 21 days in advance) in order to give your team the best possible chance of having a League Referee allocated to it. If your Club play at more than one location, you will need to ask your Fixtures Secretary to put a note on the fixture to say which location the game will be played at. Allocations are made starting with the older age groups working backwards and priority will be given to those Clubs with staggered KO times if there is more than one team at home.

I do not need to be contacted and asked to allocate a Referee to any game, if the game can be covered it will be.

I would remind you that Referees should be contacted no later than **9:00 pm on Tuesday** evenings for a Sunday game. Referees can and will be re-allocated if they are not contacted by the Home team in the appropriate timescale and a fine will be issued

On Tuesday evening, just after 9:00 pm, an email is sent to all registered MHRML Referees asking them for additional cover. If a Referee can be found, Mitoo will be updated. The Manager should continue to check Mitoo for any changes. **Managers should not approach MHRML Referees and ask them to cover a game as Referees are instructed to report this to the League.**

If a League Referee cannot be found, the Manager may look to appoint an Independent Referee (that is a non-MHRML Referee) **but not until 11:00 am on the Thursday morning before the fixture is to take place.** If a League Referee cannot be found by Thursday morning, then and only then, can the steps in Rule 13 of the League Rules be followed.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you, however, if anything above, needs further explanation and your Club Secretary cannot provide the answer for you, please email me.

Kind regards

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