

Referees Roles and Responsibilities

1. Referee shall tog out in the pre assigned referees kits.
2. A referee's requirements are: Whistle, watch, coin, pencil, pen and notebook, red and yellow cards, pencil sharpener.
3. A referee must:
 - (a) Arrive at the pitch on time
 - (b) Have a thorough knowledge of the rules of Gaelic Football
 - (c) Be physically and mentally fit.
 - (d) Be fair and courageous
 - (e) Communicate decisions clearly
 - (f) Have regular observation with umpires and lines-persons
 - (g) Use common sense
4. The duties and the powers of a referee in addition to those outlined in the playing rules shall be;
 - (a) *To protect players who want to play the game in accordance with the rules and to penalize those who infringe them.*
 - (b) *Sign and give a copy of team lists to the opposing team before the commencement of the game.*
Report any failure regarding receipt of lists to the committee in charge.
 - (c) *See that players are properly attired and report on the same.*
 - (d) *Obtain, if requested by the captain or official, the signature, full address and club of any player whose name appears on the official list and that of any substitute taking part.*
 - (e) *Allow or disallow scores.*
 - (f) *Consult with umpires and linesperson when occasion demands and replace any of them should they withdraw before the end of the game.*
 - (g) *Deal with intrusions of unauthorised persons on the playing pitch.*
 - (h) *Take the names of any players or officials interfering during the course of the game.*
 - (i) *The referee shall decide whether the pitch is suitable for play, to terminate a game because of darkness or for any other reason.*
 - (j) *The referee cannot make an award of a game, but may give the final score if requested.*
 - (k) *Add on additional time for substitutions to be made and time taken to caution a player receiving a yellow or red card.*
5. When a player, players or team refuse to continue with a game the referee should give the captain of the team approximately three minutes to decide their final intentions.
6. If the team still refuses to play, any player willing to continue should give her name to the referee.
7. Report the names of any players who get injured and the nature of the injury.
8. The referee shall take serious regard of personal fouls and in the case of rough or dangerous play shall caution or send off the player depending on the seriousness of the offence.
9. The referee shall have the power to overrule a linesperson or umpire.
10. In the event of a team failing to participate in a game the referee shall count to ensure that the team present has 11 players and obtain a Team list
11. After the game the referee should send on a detailed report to the Committee in charge on all aspects of the game.