



SRUSR Ltd Match Day Guide



Match Day

Purpose of this 'guide' is to provide a brief overview of what to expect on match-day; especially if you are new to refereeing or are returning to refereeing after time away.

Pre-Match

- Who's the Ref (WtR) will confirm your appointment.
 - Ensure your details are correct and updated accordingly
- The home club will confirm details with you; call, text, e-mail
 - If no confirmation please contact SRUSR appointments secretary.
- If you have a coach/mentor/buddy you may wish to call them to discuss the game and what you are thinking ahead of the match.

What to wear?

- The following slides show the society kit.
- To be worn for ALL society appointments.
 - RFU and West Midlands Federation appt do not apply (higher level appt)
 - Accept circumstances where kit cannot be worn
 - Colour clash
 - Multiple appointments in one weekend
- ¼ zip top to be worn upon arrival at the ground.



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Laws and Variations

- Attendance at SRUSR Society Meetings and checking e-mail updates will keep you up to date on laws and variations.
- The Training Section of the website has a link to RFU Sources where these are also documented.
- If in doubt ask!

At the ground

- Typically arrive an hour pre-game allowing sufficient time for travel.
- A club member will show you your changing room and the facilities.
- Introduce yourself to the teams – captain/coach – so you know who is who and can arrange a time to speak to the Front Row, do the kit check and do the coin toss.
- There is no set timings or location for this to occur – do whatever suits you and the teams. It does not have to be the captain doing the coin toss – he/she can delegate.

During the match

- At Level 5 and below there is no requirement for the pitch to be roped/fenced off.
- However, ensure the teams have a specific technical area (this can simply be between the halfway line and the two 10m lines on one side of the pitch).
- If you encounter spectator issues work with home club officials and the coach/captain of the team the spectator(s) are associated with to resolve the issue.
- Asking the spectator to leave or ending the game is a last resort.

During the match

- Each team should supply you an Touch Judge.
- You don't have to supply flags – they can use their arm/bib.
- Brief them - but this is simply to check they are happy with the touch law and kicks at goal as this is all they shall rule on.

Post Match

- See the 'discipline' section for advice on reporting writing if cards have been shown.
- Post changing we encourage you to have a chat with players and coaches in the clubhouse to build working relationships with them.
- Seek out club officials over the referee report card.
- However, on the above while we encourage, it is your decision, do what you are comfortable with.

Post Match

- If you have an assessor/coach/mentor in attendance, you may seek them out for a conversation and to agree the review plan for the week.
- If no one is in attendance on the trip home maybe call a fellow society referee or buddy, so sharing your respective match experiences.
- Complete your expenses form for the Hon Treasurer – form online.



Enjoy!

Ask if in doubt!



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