



MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES POLICY

STATEMENT

Registered Referees will be appointed to sanctioned games under the jurisdiction of the Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA).

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

a) Appointments

Registered Referees shall not officiate in any Competition or League, which is not sanctioned, or in a Match in which unaffiliated clubs participate.

b) Order of Precedence

The “Order of Precedence” of appointments, whether as a Referee or Assistant Referee, shall be as follows:

International Appointments
The MLS
The CPL
National Championships
USL League 2, League 1, and W-League
USports and College
Provincial Cup Competitions
Provincial League Competitions
All other sanctioned Competitions

- c) Available Referees shall only be assigned as Assistants when all referee assignments have been fulfilled.
- d) Referees must attend Personal Hearings when required to do so.
- e) Where release from an appointment is requested from a higher governing body (CS, Concacaf, FIFA) the MSA or Competition is expected to release the official to the requesting appointing authority.
- f) Fourth Officials may be appointed to competitions by the MSA. The duties and responsibilities of the Fourth Official are detailed in the Laws of the Game and in the Competition Rules.



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g) Conflict of Interest

Where a Referee believes that there is a conflict of interest with their duties and obligations, the Referee shall declare it to the MSA whose decision in relation to any dispute or difference in such matters shall be final and binding.

h) Referee Availability

Referees must inform the MSA Assignor of the dates that they are available by the 20th of each month for the following month.

After receiving their assignment(s) from the MSA Assignor, referees have 48 hours to decline the appointment. If the referee does not decline any appointment through the online MSA referee platform for assignments, the referee is responsible for the assignment.

i) Assignment Changes

If after having accepted an assignment, a referee can no longer fulfill that obligation the referee is responsible to:

- Inform the MSA Assignor of the need for change
- Find a suitable replacement of equal or higher classification
- Inform the MSA Assignor of the change for approval