

## GUIDE FOR THE MARKING OF REFEREES

The Football Association Guidance for Marking is included in League Rule 13(h) and should be the basis upon which Club Managers and Secretaries calculate the mark to be awarded.

The mark awarded by a Club must be based on the referee's overall performance. It is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based on isolated incidents or previous games. The referee's performance should be determined by the table below which should act as an guide for the overall mark which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance

Mark Range	Comment
91 - 100	The referee was extremely accurate in decision making and very successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play, adding real value to the game.
81 - 90	The referee was very accurate in decision making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play.
71 - 80	The referee was accurate in decision making and controlled the game well, communicating with the players and making a positive contribution towards fair play
61 - 70	The referee was reasonably accurate in decision making, controlled the game quite well, communicated with players establishing a reasonable degree of fair play.
51 - 60	The referee had some shortcomings in the level of accuracy in decision making and control, with only limited success in communicating with players resulting in variable fair play.
50 and below	The referee had significant shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control, with poor communication with players resulting in low levels of fair play.

Each referee's mark must be included on the Match Record Card which is sent to the appropriate Divisional Secretary. However, if any referee has been awarded a mark of 50 or less the Referees Secretary must be notified within five days of the match together with a report to justify the low mark.

Further guidance on marking is contained in the relevant County FA Handbook

## COMPLAINTS AGAINST REFEREES

Complaints by Clubs relating to the competence of qualified match officials must be submitted, in writing, to;

The Secretary, Hampshire Football Association Limited,  
Winklebury Football Complex,  
Winklebury Way,  
Basingstoke,  
Hampshire RG23 8BF

This complaint must be received within 10 days of the match concerned. All such complaints must be accompanied by a deposit of £50.00 made payable to "Hampshire Football Association Limited". When a complaint is investigated and is held to be frivolous or unjustified then the deposit will be forfeit. If, after the investigation, the Referees' Committee find the complaint to be justified then the deposit will be refunded.

The above extract is taken from the Rules of the Hampshire Football Association but Clubs are reminded that a complaint of this nature is a serious matter and should not be undertaken lightly, nor should the club marking system be used as a means of complaint. The Referee's performance should be judged fairly and with due consideration to the F A Guidance on marking included in the League Rules. Clubs who consistently mark Referees down due to the result involved or isolated controversial incidents must be aware that they are in danger of being called before the League on a charge of misconduct.