



## Junior Referee Yellow Arm Band Policy – 2026

*“Encourage. Respect. Develop.”*

### Purpose

To support and protect young match officials, all junior referees appointed in Bankstown competitions will wear a **yellow armband** while officiating.

The yellow armband serves as a visible identifier that the referee is a junior official.

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### Policy Statement

Effective 2026:

All referees under the age of 18 appointed to officiate in Bankstown competitions must wear the designated yellow armband during matches.

The armband:

- Identifies the referee as a junior official
  - Promotes awareness among players, coaches, and spectators
  - Encourages patience, respect, and appropriate conduct
  - Supports the development and retention of young referees
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### Expected Behaviour Toward Junior Referees

All participants, ROT's and spectators are reminded that junior referees:

- Are learning and developing their officiating skills
- Are to be treated with the same respect as senior officials
- Must not be subjected to dissent, abuse, or intimidation

Abuse, dissent, or misconduct directed toward a junior referee will be dealt with strictly under the Competition Rules.

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Any abuse or inappropriate conduct toward a junior referee may result in:

- Cautions or send-offs (Yellow/Red Cards)
- Match abandonment
- Competition points deductions
- Suspensions or further disciplinary action

**Protecting young referees is a shared responsibility of clubs, coaches, players, and spectators.**

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## Club Responsibilities

Clubs must:

- Inform players, coaches, and spectators of this policy
- Assist in managing sideline behaviour
- Support junior referees in a positive and respectful environment

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## Commitment

Bankstown is committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for all match officials. The yellow armband initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to developing the next generation of referees.