

## CIRCULAR

### 04/2026 Referee Match Fees for 2026

<b>Attention</b>	Capital Football Referees Club Presidents and Administrators
<b>Date of Circular</b>	Monday 30 March 2026
<b>Emailed to</b>	Capital Football Referees Club Presidents and Administrators
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<b>Action Required</b>	Circulate the advice contained in this Circular to all club personnel and referees.
<b>Summary</b>	Outlines the referee match fees, invoicing, and payment requirements for the 2026 season.

In 2026, several changes have been made to the competition structure, including adjustments to the NPL Youth age groups, the conclusion of the CPL Men's competition, and the introduction of U12 within the SAP competition.

All referee match fees will be paid in accordance with **Attachment A: 2026 Referee Match Fees**, attached to this Circular.

#### Referee Payment Requirements

Where referees are appointed to trial matches, regular season, or finals series matches by Capital Football, referees will be paid by Capital Football at the rate indicated in this Circular.

To receive payment, referees must:

- Be registered as a Capital Football Referee through PlayFootball,
- Be appointed by the Capital Football Referee Department,
- Mark themselves as present on the match sheet via Dribl, and
- Ensure their payment details are up to date on Dribl.

#### Trial Matches

Where Capital Football appoints referees for trial matches, they will be paid at 50% of the rate of the highest competition (e.g. if an NPL and Senior League team play each other, the NPL rate will apply).

#### Regular Season Matches

Where Capital Football appoints referees for regular season matches, they will be paid at the rates outlined in this Circular at **Attachment A: 2026 Referee Match Fees**.

Clubs will be charged no more than the Match Total for regular season matches.

The Match Total consists of fees for a Centre Referee and two Assistant Referees, forming a full referee panel. The only exception is MiniRoos matches, which require a Centre Referee only.

If a full referee panel is not present, the Match Total will be adjusted accordingly.

## Finals Series Coverage

Where Capital Football appoints referees for Final Series matches, they will be paid at the rates outlined in this Circular at **Attachment A: 2026 Referee Match Fees**.

**NPL:** Capital Football will cover all referee match fees during the Finals Series, including a fourth official where a suitably accredited referee is available.

**Community Leagues:** Capital Football will cover all referee match fees for Semi-Finals and Grand Finals.

## Invoicing

The home team will be responsible for all referee match fees.

Capital Football will invoice clubs monthly in arrears for these fees, with GST applied.

**Attachment A: 2026 Referee Match Fees**

Age Grade/Division		Centre Referee	Assistant Referee 1	Assistant Referee 2	Match Total	4th Official <i>(finals only)</i>
<b>NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUES</b>						
<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Senior</b>				
<b>1st Grade</b>	<b>1st Grade</b>	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	<b>\$500.00</b>	\$125.00
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>U23</b>	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	<b>\$245.00</b>	\$60.00
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Youth</b>				
<b>U18</b>	<b>U18</b>	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	<b>\$200.00</b>	\$50.00
<b>U16</b>	<b>U16</b>	\$75.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	<b>\$149.00</b>	\$37.00
<b>U14</b>	<b>U14 / U15</b>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$25.00
<b>COMMUNITY LEAGUES</b>						
<b>Women &amp; Men</b>		<b>Senior Leagues</b>				
<b>Capital League 1 and 2</b>		\$120.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	<b>\$240.00</b>	\$60.00
<b>Capital League 3 and below</b>		\$95.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	<b>\$189.00</b>	\$47.00
<b>Masters</b>		\$85.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	<b>\$169.00</b>	\$42.00
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Junior Leagues</b>				
<b>U17</b>	<b>U18</b>	\$70.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	<b>\$140.00</b>	
<b>U15</b>	<b>U16</b>	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	<b>\$120.00</b>	
<b>U14</b>	<b>U14</b>	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	<b>\$100.00</b>	
<b>U12 / U13 (incl. SAP)</b>		\$35.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	<b>\$70.00</b>	
<b>U13 SAP (Training / Cluster Matches)</b>		\$17.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	<b>\$35.00</b>	
<b>Girls &amp; Boys</b>		<b>MiniRoos</b>				
<b>U10 / U11</b>		\$20.00			<b>\$20.00</b>	
<b>U9 and below</b>		\$16.00			<b>\$16.00</b>	