



Referee Structure 2023-24

1. Definition & Responsibility

1.1 The Scottish Korfball League ("SKL") and qualifications to referee SKL matches are administered by the Scottish Korfball Association ("the SKA").

1.2 The SKA has the power to make decisions on any matter covered in this document at its discretion.

1.3 The SKA has the power to make decisions on any refereeing matter not specifically covered in this document.

2. Assessment for Basic Level Qualification

2.1 Candidates for Basic Assessment must take charge of a full competitive SKL Division 2 or Division 3 match.

2.2 Candidates must have attained either Pass or Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the match.

2.3 The SKA Refereeing Co-ordinator will appoint an assessor, qualified to Higher or Elite level, who may assess the match either remotely using video footage or in person by attending the match, or through a combination of each. The assessor will receive £10 compensation.

2.4 Assessment will be conducted according to the SKA Basic Assessment [Form](#) and [Guidance Summary](#).

3. Assessment for Higher Level Qualification

3.1 Candidates for Higher Assessment must take charge of two full competitive SKL Division 1 matches.

3.2 Candidates must have attained either Pass or Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of each match.

3.3 The SKA Refereeing Co-ordinator will appoint an assessor, qualified to Elite level, for each match, who may assess the match either remotely using video footage or in person by attending the match, or through a combination of each. The assessor will receive £10 compensation.

3.4 Assessment will be conducted according to the SKA Higher Assessment [Form](#) and [Guidance Summary](#).

3.5 In order to achieve the Higher level qualification, the candidate must receive a Pass in assessments for two distinct matches by two distinct assessors.

4. Assessment for Elite Level Qualification

4.1 Candidates for Elite Assessment must take charge of a full competitive and suitable SKL Division 1 match.

4.2 Candidates must have attained either Pass or Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the match.

4.3 The SKA Refereeing Co-ordinator will appoint an assessor of an appropriate level, either from the International Korfball Federation or another National Governing Body, who may assess the match either remotely using video footage or in person by attending the match, or through a combination of each.

5. Refereeing in the Scottish Korfball League

5.1 A referee should be appointed for each SKL match, by communication with the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator, at least 5 days before the match, if no special dispensation is required. If an individual requires special dispensation (either because they do not possess the required qualifications for the match, hold qualifications from an alternative governing body, or are registered for the same club as one of the teams

involved), special dispensation must be agreed with the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator at least 10 days before the match.

5.2 The appointed referee for an SKL match will control the game, as defined in the IKF Rules of Korfball, from the beginning of the 1 hour slot dedicated to that match, and ending either when the following match begins (if one exists) or when match forms have been fully completed (if this is the last match in a set of fixtures).

5.3 The referee will additionally oversee the correct completion of both match forms for the relevant match.

5.4 A referee taking charge of an SKL match must have scored either Pass or Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the match.

5.5 A referee taking charge of an SKL Division 2 or Division 3 match must fall into one of the following categories:

- They are qualified to Basic, Higher or Elite level as a practical referee
- They are to be assessed for one of the above qualifications based on their refereeing of the aforementioned match, and have acquired special dispensation from the SKA

5.6 A referee taking charge of an SKL Division 1 match must fall into one of the following categories:

- They are qualified to Higher or Elite level as a practical referee
- They are to be assessed for one of the above qualifications based on their refereeing of the aforementioned match, and have acquired special dispensation from the SKA

5.7 The SKA will make all reasonable attempts to ensure SKL referees are paid within 7 days after the match, according to the qualifications they possess at the beginning of the match:

- £10 per match in Division 1 if they are qualified to Higher or Elite level
- £5 per match in Division 1 if they are qualified to Basic level (only permitted in the circumstances outlined in 5.6)

- £5 per match in Division 2 or 3 if they are qualified to Basic, Higher or Elite level
- £0 per match if they do not possess any of the above qualifications (only permitted in the circumstances outlined in 5.5 and 5.6)

