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If you have any questions, please contact refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk.

1. Definition & Responsibility

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

2.1. A referee taking charge of an SKL Division 1 match must meet the following requirements:

- They are at least 18 years old.
- They are registered as a referee with the SKA.
- They are qualified to Higher or Elite level, or they have been nominated for assessment for one of these qualifications.
- They have attained a Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the match.

2.2. A referee taking charge of any other SKL match must meet the following requirements:

- They are at least 18 years old.
 - They are registered as a referee with the SKA.
 - They are qualified to Basic, Higher or Elite level, or they have been nominated for assessment for one of these qualifications.
 - They have attained a Pass or Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the match.
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2.3. The SKA will pay referees as follows, based on the qualification they possess at the time of the match:

- £10 per Division 1 match if they are qualified to Higher or Elite level.
- £5 per Division 1 match if they are qualified to Basic level (only permitted in the circumstances outlined in 2.1).
- £5 per match for any other SKL match 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 2.1 and 2.2).

3. SKA Referee Theory Test

3.1. The SKA Referee Theory Test is a test set by the SKA to ensure that its affiliated referees hold an appropriate understanding of the rules of korfball.

3.2. The test will consist of 100 multiple-choice questions worth 1 mark each.

3.3. A Merit will be awarded to referees who score at least 85 marks. A Pass will be awarded to referees who score at least 70 marks and fewer than 85 marks.

4. SKA Basic Referee Qualification

4.1. The SKA Basic Referee qualification will be awarded to referees who achieve a Pass in one SKA Basic Referee Assessment.

4.2. The SKA Basic Referee Assessment will require the candidate to take charge of a full SKL match and will be conducted according to the SKA Basic Referee Assessment Form and Guidance. The SKA will appoint an assessor, qualified to Higher or Elite level, who will view the match remotely using video footage or in person by attending the match and award a Pass or Fail outcome. The assessor will receive £10 compensation.

4.3. Candidates for Basic assessment must meet the following requirements:

- They are at least 18 years old.
- They are registered as a referee with the SKA.
- They have attained a Pass or Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the assessment.



4.4. After sitting a Basic assessment, a candidate may not attempt further assessment until a minimum period has elapsed, equal to the smaller of: 4 weeks from the date of assessment or 2 weeks from the date feedback was received. When the referee is awarded a Pass, any existing minimum period will be waived.

4.5. Referees who do not referee an SKL match across a period of 2 full seasons will lose their existing Basic qualification. This will occur at the discretion of the SKA who may grant exceptions for referees who have continued to referee in competitions organised by other governing bodies such as the BSKA, EKA or IKF.

5. SKA Higher Referee Qualification

5.1. The SKA Higher Referee qualification will be awarded to referees who achieve a Pass in two SKA Higher Referee Assessments, which take place within a year of each other and are conducted by distinct assessors.

5.2. The SKA Higher Referee Assessment will require the candidate to take charge of a full SKL Division 1 match and will be conducted according to the SKA Higher Referee Assessment Form and Guidance. The SKA will appoint an assessor, qualified to Elite level, who will view the match remotely using video footage or in person by attending the match and award a Pass or Fail outcome. The assessor will receive £10 compensation.

5.3. Candidates for Higher assessment must meet the following requirements:

- They are at least 18 years old.
- They are registered as a referee with the SKA.
- They currently hold the Basic Referee qualification.
- They have attained a Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the assessment.

5.4. After sitting a Higher assessment, a candidate may not attempt further assessment until a minimum period has elapsed, equal to the smaller of: 4 weeks from the date of assessment or 2 weeks from the date feedback was received. When the referee is awarded a Pass, any existing minimum period will be waived.



5.5. Referees who do not referee an SKL Division 1 match across a period of 2 full seasons will lose their existing Higher qualification. This will occur at the discretion of the SKA who may grant exceptions for referees who have continued to referee in competitions organised by other governing bodies such as the BSKA, EKA or IKF.

6. SKA Elite Referee Qualification

6.1. The SKA Elite Referee qualification will be awarded to referees who achieve a Pass in one SKA Elite Referee Assessment.

6.2. The SKA Elite Referee Assessment will require the candidate to take charge of a competitive and suitable SKL Division 1 match. The SKA will appoint two assessors, each qualified to Elite level, who will view the match remotely using video footage or in person by attending the match and award a Pass or Fail outcome. A Pass in the assessment will only be awarded where both assessors agree on a Pass outcome. Each assessor will receive £10 compensation. There is currently no formal framework or guidance for such assessments.

6.3. Candidates for Elite assessment must meet the following requirements:

- They are at least 18 years old.
- They are registered as a referee with the SKA.
- They currently hold the Higher Referee qualification.
- They have attained a Merit in the SKA Referee Theory Test in the 3 years preceding the date of the assessment.

6.4. After sitting an Elite assessment, a candidate may not attempt further assessment until a minimum period has elapsed, equal to the smaller of: 4 weeks from the date of assessment or 2 weeks from the date feedback was received.

6.5. Referees who do not referee an SKL Division 1 match across a period of 2 full seasons will lose their existing Elite qualification. This will occur at the discretion of the SKA who may grant exceptions for referees who have continued to referee in competitions organised by other governing bodies such as the BSKA, EKA or IKF.