



## Swindon & District Football League

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**SDFL 131<sup>st</sup> AGM 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Referee Secretary address.**

### **Introduction.**

It has been hard for all of us again this season, as we have lost a lot of Saturdays enjoying the game we all love. With that said I am proud to be a part of a Management Committee that continued throughout the season working behind the scenes. During this downtime, we have been putting an initiative into place to grow the SDL within the next 2 years. Future plans include developing our referees, and to ensure they get the best training and experience possible we hope to be appointing 3 Match Officials to our Premiership games within 2 years.

### **Referee pool and training**

I am very pleased to report the return of 2 referees to the League and welcome 2 new referees that recently passed the course on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It is my intention to run courses throughout next season with the SDL and CFA backing, so if you know of anyone who is interested please ask them to contact me [markparishaines@gmail.com](mailto:markparishaines@gmail.com)

### **Referees marking**

Unfortunately, again this season the marking process has not been followed correctly. Therefore prior to the season starting, I will provide re-worded guidelines to help you. I ask that all of you be fair when marking your referees after the game.

### **Coverage**

I am pleased to report that all games have been covered by match officials. As mentioned above plans are already in place for this to continue. The Thursday night deadline communication is so important and will stay in place for next season, so clubs are reminded that if you fail to contact your referee by 8pm then it's possible your appointed referee will be re-allocated.

- Appointments can be made right up to the last hour, and communications to you either by a phone call or text. It is the named League-appointed referee on full-time that will take control of the game, (if one appointed to the game?).

### **Referee communication platform**

The referee communication platform has been a great success, this platform allows us to:

- Communicate as a group
- Communicate privately
- Text or Mic
- Share images
- List separate decision rooms.

### **Looking forward to next season**

Let us hope that we can all look forward to an uninterrupted season 2021/2022

Rev Mark Paris Haines, Referee Secretary

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

[Do you have a question for the Referee Secretary?](#)

[Please advise the League Secretary in writing by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, please?](#)