

2024 Kanga Cup Referee Information Pack



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TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Introduction

The Kanga Cup is the largest International Youth Football Tournament in the Southern Hemisphere with teams competing from Australia and overseas. The tournament involved 355 teams in 2019 and proudly champions the mission of uniting the Youth of the World through Football.

The Kanga Cup is run by Capital Football, the governing body for football in Canberra. The tournament is sanctioned by the Football Australia and the Asian Football Confederation. The Tournament is open to club and school teams. The Kanga Cup is for male and female teams Under 9 to Under 18. Three divisions (Cup, Plate and Shield) are available in each age group to cater for elite or representative to just participation.

The Tournament is run in Canberra each year usually in the first week of the July ACT school holidays. In 2024, the Kanga Cup will be played from 8 – 12 July.

This year will be the 32nd edition of the Kanga Cup.

Refereeing at the Kanga Cup

Referees play a critical role in the facilitation and success of the Kanga Cup. The tournament is a celebration of youth football and provides an opportunity for referees as well as players to learn and develop in a fun and supportive environment.

For any Referee or Game Leader, the Kanga Cup is an unrivalled opportunity to develop, learn, make friends, and enjoy the satisfaction of officiating at an international youth tournament. Respect for referees is paramount.

Kanga Cup Referees come from Canberra, around Australia and overseas. This includes referees with varying range of experience, from Game Leaders in their first year through to those who have refereed for several years.

The Kanga Cup Organising Committee (KCOC) requires a minimum of 200 Referees to officiate over 1000 matches played in five (5) days.

The Kanga Cup Referee Youth Academy

The Kanga Cup Referee Youth Academy (KCRYA) is a pathway program for approximately 40 local, interstate and international referees to receive intensive coaching and mentoring, with a focus on developing referees in a tournament environment in the age group of 15-18.

The KCRYA has the support of the Football Australia (FA) with the official curriculum using resources from the FA Level 3 and Level 4 course.

As a member of the KCRYA, referees will be involved in seminars with current and former FIFA Referees, learn during feedback sessions with referee coaches and make new friends in a supportive environment. There is no better week in the year for a young referee who is serious about improving and going to the next level.

WHO CAN APPLY TO REFEREE AT THE KANGA CUP?

The KCOC encourages all levels of local and interstate/overseas referees to participate in the Kanga Cup. Applicants must be currently registered with Capital Football, FA or a FIFA approved Association in another jurisdiction to participate. There are 2 classifications of Referees for the Kanga Cup:

- Local Referees; and
- KCRYA Referees

Local Referees

A Local Referee includes:

- A Capital Football registered Game Leader;
- A Capital Football registered Referee;
- A Referee or Game Leader registered with a Member Federation or Referee Association who has not been selected to participate in the KCRYA.

Referees and Game Leaders can register for the Kanga Cup as a Local Referee by completing the Local Referee Registration Form which is available via the Kanga Cup [website](#).

KCRYA Referees

Referees aged 15-18 years from across Australia and overseas, who are not registered as a Referee with Capital Football, can apply, or be nominated (by their Member Federation or Referee Association) for the KCRYA.

Participants in Capital Football's Cadet and Academy Referee Program will be selected to participate in the KCRYA as part of the Cadet and Academy Referee Program.

Referees who hold a Football Australia Level 4 to Level 2 referee qualification (or international equivalent), plus a minimum of 1 years refereeing experience are eligible to apply for the KCRYA.

Should a Member Federation or Referee Association choose to provide nominations to the KCOC, they may use an application process to determine the nominations provided to the KCOC.

The outcome of a Referees application or nomination will be determined by the KCOC. As a principle, Referees can apply and attend the Academy on two separate occasions.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Local Referee Training Sessions

The Kanga Cup Organising Committee (KCOC), as part of the Referee Training and Education program, will deliver four (4) x training sessions for Referees and Game Leaders on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June 2024.

Capital Football Referees and Game Leaders who register to officiate at the 2024 Kanga Cup as a Local Referee are expected to attend **one (1)** training session in preparation for the Tournament.

The two-hour practical session will focus on specific Referee, Assistant Referee & MiniRoos drills which aim to prepare all Local Referees for the Tournament.

Details of the four training sessions are listed below. Register for your preferred session [here](#).

- **Session 1:** 10am – 12pm, Saturday 22 June, Hawker Football Centre
- **Session 2:** 12.30pm – 2.30pm, Saturday 22 June, Hawker Football Centre
- **Session 3:** 10am – 12pm, Sunday 23 June, Hawker Football Centre
- **Session 4:** 12.30pm – 2.30pm, Sunday 23 June, Hawker Football Centre

Note: Only register for ONE training session, not all FOUR.

Referee Appointments Process

The Referee Appointments Officer (RAO) has the very difficult job of appointing approximately 200 Match Officials to 1000+ fixtures across 7-8 venues during the week.

The aim is to have Referees officiate three matches each day, with a maximum of four matches where required. These appointments can include a mix of roles as a Referee or Assistant Referee. Game Leaders will be able to do up to four games a day.

Junior Referees (aged 13-20) will have priority for match appointments over Referees aged 21 or older, as the main purpose of the Tournament is to promote the development of younger referees.

When you are appointed to a venue, you will not be required to move to another venue that day. However, you might be appointed to different venues through the week depending on where different age groups are playing to match your experience.

As a principle, you will be appointed to games that match your experience and your age (i.e. it is not CF policy to appoint you to age groups above your age or experience but there are exceptions to this rule that are decided on a case by case basis).

Match Official Panels

Using the data submitted by Referees in their registration form, the KCOC allocates Referees to a panel which allows the RAO to appoint Referees to matches in the appropriate age group and level based on their officiating experience.

Adjustments to panel rankings and appointments are made based on referee coach assessments and their performance over the first three (3) days of round robin type competition. Finals appointments are then made based on overall performance.

MiniRoos (U9-U12) Appointments

Referees are appointed to a MiniRoos (U9-U12) venue by the RAO. Then the Venue Referee Coordinator (at each MiniRoos venue) will then appoint those Referees to specific matches at the venue based on the daily fixtures.

Junior (U13-U18) Appointments

Referees selected to officiate Junior (U13 to U18) matches will be appointed to specific matches by the RAO on a schedule that will be released each day (sometimes days earlier particularly for first two days).

Venue Referee Coordinators, in consultation with the RAO are sometimes required to amend these appointments based on what happens at a venue on any particular day including filling absences through “no shows”, injuries, or due to adverse weather conditions.

Match Payments

Local Referees will receive payment for the matches they officiate. The referee payment schedule for 2024 will be published in the Referee Handbook prior to the beginning of the Tournament.

Match Official Awards

Each year, there are Match Official Awards presented at the conclusion of the Tournament. These are based on the reports and observations from Referee Coaches and Referee Coordinators during the week.

The Awards include:

- Senior Referee of the Tournament;
- Junior Referee of the Tournament;
- Senior Assistant Referee of the Tournament;
- Junior Assistant Referee of the Tournament; and
- Game Leader of the Tournament.

Coaching of Referees

Referees are joined by a dedicated team of Referee Coaches and Venue Referee Coordinators who work closely with the referees under a structured program developed by the Kanga Cup Head of Referees in line with the FA curriculum.

The aim is to ensure every Referee and Game leader receives at least one coaching sheet through the duration of the Tournament. Coaching sheets are done electronically and are automatically sent to your email address when completed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I referee every day?

YES – Your default availability for each day of the Tournament is being available from 8.30am to 4pm. You must indicate when you are unavailable by entering a Blockout via Dribl.

The KCOC would prefer everyone is available on multiple days or all week to ensure the coaching and game day experience builds on your experience.

Who will pay me?

The KCOC will pay your fees into your nominated bank account within 4 – 6 weeks after the tournament's completion, so long as your match records are complete and you send your bank details (BSB and Account Number) to referees@kangacup.com prior to the Tournament.

How do I find out about my appointments?

The RAO will publish individual appointments via Dribl. They will then publish the appointments for each day to all Referees and Referee Coaches via our communication platforms (Facebook, TeamApp, email etc.) each day for the next day.

The aim is to circulate the next day's appointments by 6:00pm the previous day. The appointments for the first day are released as soon as possible following the Tournament Briefing for Referees on Sunday.

What do I do if I get injured?

It is important that you get immediate treatment at the venue if you are injured. You should speak to the Venue Referee Coordinator (VRO) who will arrange treatment if necessary and contact your parent/carer if necessary.

If you feel you can't referee the next day, you must advise the Appointments Officer immediately so alternative arrangements can be made and we don't leave a game without a Referee.

How do I make myself available for matches?

Your default availability for each day of the Tournament is being available from 8.30am to 4pm.

You must indicate when you are unavailable by entering a Blockout via Dribl.

The KCOC will provide further instructions on providing your **unavailability** prior to the Tournament.

What Uniform do I wear?

All registered Capital Football Referees will wear the official CF Referee or Game Leader uniform (Legea) on matches during the tournament.

The primary referee jersey colour is fluoro yellow. Interstate and International Match Officials are to wear their uniform of their registered Member Federation, Association, or Branch.