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FOREWORD

Every great sport depends on people who protect its values.

In World Mini Mini Football, Match Officials are more than those who apply the Laws of the Game. They are the guardians of fairness, safety, discipline, and sporting integrity. Their decisions shape the rhythm of every match, protect the players, and help ensure that every competition is conducted with consistency, respect, and trust.

The **World Mini Mini Football Federation (WMMF)** is committed to establishing a modern, professional, and unified standard of officiating across the world. This Handbook provides that foundation.

It sets out the official standards, duties, procedures, principles, and expectations governing all WMMF Match Officials. It is the principal reference for **Referees, Match Recorders, and other appointed Match Officials**, providing a common framework for the administration, control, and conduct of WMMF competitions.

To wear the badge of a WMMF Match Official is to accept a responsibility. It means standing above pressure, remaining impartial when decisions are difficult, acting with courage when the moment demands it, and treating every player, coach, team, and colleague with dignity and respect.

WMMF Match Officials shall therefore perform their duties with **integrity, impartiality, professionalism, consistency, courage, and respect**.

Because officiating is not simply about making decisions.

It is about creating an environment in which the game can be played fairly, safely, passionately, and with respect.

Every decision matters.

Every match matters.

Every player matters.

And behind every great game stands an official committed to protecting it.

WMMF OFFICIATING MOTTO
PROTECT THE PLAYERS.
ENFORCE THE RULES.
PRESERVE FAIR PLAY.

This is the standard of WMMF Match Officiating.

This is the responsibility of every official.

And this is how we protect the spirit of the game.



CHAPTER 1 PRINCIPLES OF WMMF OFFICIATING

Article 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of WMMF officiating is to ensure that all matches are conducted safely, fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Article 1.2 Core Objectives

Match Officials shall:

- a. Protect player safety;
- b. Enforce the Rules of the Game;
- c. Maintain fair competition;
- d. Preserve match integrity;
- e. Promote sportsmanship and respect;
- f. Ensure consistency of decisions;
- g. Maintain effective match control;
- h. Support the development of World Mini Mini Football.

Article 1.3 Principles

All Match Officials shall demonstrate:

- Integrity
- Impartiality
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Leadership
- Respect
- Consistency

CHAPTER 2 REFEREE CODE OF CONDUCT

Article 2.1 General Conduct

Match Officials shall:

- Remain neutral and impartial.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Act professionally at all times.
- Respect all participants.
- Avoid offensive or abusive language.
- Maintain composure under pressure.

Article 2.2 Integrity

Match Officials shall not:

- Engage in match manipulation.
- Accept benefits intended to influence decisions.
- Participate in betting on WMMF competitions.
- Abuse their authority.

CHAPTER 3 AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

Article 3.1 Match Authority

The Center Referee is the highest authority on the Field of Play.



Article 3.2 Duration of Authority

The authority of Match Officials begins upon appointment to a match and continues until all post-match duties have been completed.

Article 3.3 Final Decisions

The decisions of the Center Referee regarding facts connected with play are final.

CHAPTER 4 STRUCTURE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

4.1 Each WMMF match shall be controlled by:

One Field Official: Known as Center Referee

One Off-Field Official: Match Recorder / Timekeeper

CHAPTER 5 CENTER REFEREE

Article 5.1 Responsibilities

The Center Referee shall:

- Enforce the WMMF Competition Rules & Regulations.
- Maintain match control.
- Ensure player safety.
- Signal and confirm goals scored.
- Identify and enforce fouls, including the awarding of penalties.
- Authorize restarts.
- Apply disciplinary sanctions.
- Resolve disputes.
- Maintain fair play.

Article 5.2 Time Violation Authority

The Center Referee has sole authority regarding:

- Delayed restarts.
- Players delays.
- Time wasting.
- Possession countdown violations. (NOT IMPLEMENTED YET)
- Unsporting delay tactics.

Article 5.3 Positioning

The Center Referee shall primarily operate opposite the team benches and use a diagonal movement system to maintain optimal vision of play.

CHAPTER 6 MATCH RECORDER / TIMEKEEPER

Article 6.1 Responsibilities

The Match Recorder / Timekeeper shall:

- Operate the official match clock.
- Operate the possession countdown. (NOT IMPLEMENTED YET)
- Administer Power Play timing.
- Inform the Linesmen when the Power Play period has concluded.
- Record all match events.
- Produce the official match record.



Article 6.2 Match Records

The Match Recorder / Timekeeper shall record:

- Goals.
- Own Goals.
- Penalty Goals.
- Yellow Cards.
- Blue Cards.
- Red Cards.
- Substitutions.
- Injuries.
- Possession Violations. (NOT IMPLEMENTED YET)

Article 6.3 Authority

The Match Recorder / Timekeeper may not overrule the Center Referee or Linesmen.

Article 7 Bench Control

Center Referee and Match Recorder shall supervise:

- Coaches.
- Substitutes.
- Team Officials.
- Technical Areas.
- Report any misconduct, infringement, or rule violation committed by the team benches to the Referee.
- control the Team B bench side.

CHAPTER 7 FIELD POSITIONING SYSTEM

Center Referee

Opposite bench side.

Diagonal movement pattern.

Match Recorder / Timekeeper

Technical Table.

CHAPTER 8 MATCH PROCEDURES

Article 9.1 Pre-Match Duties

The officiating team shall:

- Inspect the Field of Play.
- Inspect goals and nets.
- Verify field markings.
- Verify match balls.
- Verify player equipment.
- Verify team rosters.
- Verify technical areas.
- Conduct a referee briefing.

Article 9.2 Start of Match

1. Teams take positions.
2. Referee authorizes kickoff.
3. Timekeeper starts the official clock.



Article 9.3 Substitutions

1. Exiting player leaves through the substitution area.
2. Play continues.

CHAPTER 10 SPECIAL WMMF MATCH PROCEDURES

Article 10.1 Offensive Possession Countdown (NOT IMPLEMENTED YET)

An attacking team must attempt a shot on goal within forty (40) seconds of obtaining offensive possession.

The Timekeeper shall operate the countdown.

The Center Referee shall have final authority regarding all countdown decisions.

Failure to attempt a shot on goal constitutes a Possession Time Violation.

Article 10.2 Penalty Area 1 (PA1)

- a) PA1 is a restricted goalkeeper area.
- b) Only the goalkeeper may occupy PA1.
- c) Any defender who enters or remains inside PA1 commits a violation therefore the opposing team shall be awarded a free kick.
- d) Any infringement committed within PA1, including a hand ball shall result in a Penalty kick.

Article 10.3 Penalty Area 2 (PA2)

- a) PA2 is the larger penalty area surrounding PA1.
- b) Any infringement committed within PA2 shall result in a free kick being awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the infringement, unless otherwise specified in these Rules.

Article 10.4 Penalty Spot 1 (PS1)

Penalty Spot 1 shall be used for penalty shots designated by the Competition Rules and Regulations.

The Center Referee shall:

- a) At the taking of a penalty kick, all players other than the penalty kicker shall be positioned outside PA2 and shall not enter PA2 until the ball is in play.
- b) Authorize the attempt.

Article 10.5 Penalty Spot 2 (PS2)

- a) Penalty Spot 2 shall be used for penalty shots designated by the Competition Rules and Regulations.
- b) The Center Referee shall administer all procedures relating to Penalty Spot 2.

Article 10.6 Two-Meter Restart Rule

- a) Defending players shall remain a minimum of two (2) meters from the ball during all restarts.
- b) Linesmen shall actively monitor compliance.
- c) In the event of a violation by a player, the referee shall issue a verbal warning. If the player fails to comply with the referee's instructions or repeats the violation, a yellow card shall be issued.



Article 10.7 Power Play Administration

Yellow Card

- a) 30-second Short Power Play.
- b) The offending team shall play with one fewer player.
- c) A goal scored by either team immediately ends the suspension.

Blue Card

- a) 60-second Long Power Play.
- b) The offending team shall play with one fewer player.
- c) A goal scored by either team immediately ends the suspension.
- d) Committing two Blue Card offenses during the same match shall result in a Red Card and the player's ejection from the match.

Red Card

- a) Committing two Blue Card offenses during the same match shall result in a Red Card and the player's ejection from the match.
- b) The player may not return.
- c) A replacement player may enter the match.

Article 10.8 Time Violations

The Center Referee shall enforce all time-related provisions and may issue warnings or disciplinary sanctions for repeated violations.

CHAPTER 11 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Article 11.1 Warning

The Referee may issue verbal warnings when appropriate.

Article 11.2 Yellow Card

Results in a 30-second Short Power Play.

Article 11.3 Second Yellow Card

A second Yellow Card in the same match automatically becomes a Blue Card.

Article 11.4 Blue Card

Results in a 60-second Long Power Play.

Article 11.5 Second Blue Card

A player receiving a second Blue Card automatically receives a Red Card.

Article 11.6 Red Card

- a) Player ejection.
- b) The player may be replaced in accordance with Competition Rules.

Article 11.7 Direct Red Card Offences

Examples include:

- a) Fighting.
- b) Violent conduct.
- c) Spitting.
- d) Abusive language.
- e) Aggression toward officials.
- f) Serious misconduct.



CHAPTER 12 OFFICIAL REFEREE SIGNALS

Match Control

- a) Start Play
- b) Stop Play
- c) Advantage
- d) End Match

Goals

- a) Goal
- b) No Goal
- c) Own Goal
- d) Penalty Goal

Restarts

- a) Direction Signal
- b) Ready for Restart
- c) Two-Meter Distance
- d) Violation

WMMF Signals

Refer to the official WMMF Referee Hand Signals for the prescribed signals to be used when indicating fouls, violations, disciplinary sanctions, and other match decisions.

Discipline

- a) Yellow Card
- b) Blue Card
- c) Red Card

Administration

- a) Injury Stoppage
- b) Timekeeper Attention

CHAPTER 13 INJURIES AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Player safety shall take priority over all other considerations.

The Referee shall stop play immediately when:

- a) Serious injury occurs.
- b) Head injury is suspected.
- c) Medical intervention is required.
- d) Participant safety is threatened.

CHAPTER 14 MATCH REPORTING AND ADMINISTRATION

Following each match, the officiating team shall:

- a) Verify the final score.
- b) Verify disciplinary records.
- c) Verify goals and scorers.
- d) Record significant incidents.
- e) Complete the official Match Report.



Mandatory reports shall be submitted for:

- a) Red Cards.
- b) Match abandonment.
- c) Serious injuries.
- d) Spectator misconduct.
- e) Extraordinary incidents.

CHAPTER 15 SENIOR COMPETITION STANDARDS

Article 15.1 Match Expectations

- a) Senior WMMF competitions shall be officiated according to the highest standards of consistency, professionalism, discipline, and match control.
- b) Referees shall apply the Laws of the Game firmly and uniformly throughout the match.

Article 15.2 Player Responsibility

Senior players are fully responsible for:

- a) Understanding the Laws of the Game.
- b) Respecting Match Officials.
- c) Complying with disciplinary decisions.
- d) Maintaining sportsmanship.
- e) Referees are not expected to provide instructional warnings where disciplinary action is required.

Article 15.3 Professional Match Control

Senior referees shall:

- a) Act decisively.
- b) Apply sanctions consistently.
- c) Manage dissent immediately.
- d) Protect player safety.
- e) Maintain authority throughout the match.

Article 15.4 Discipline Philosophy

The WMMF disciplinary system is intended to:

- a) Correct misconduct.
- b) Protect participants.
- c) Preserve fair competition.
- d) Maintain the integrity of the match.
- e) Referees shall not hesitate to apply Yellow Cards, Blue Cards, or Red Cards when warranted.

Article 15.5 Respect for Match Officials

Players, coaches, substitutes, and team officials shall respect the authority and decisions of Match Officials at all times.

Abusive conduct toward Match Officials shall be sanctioned immediately.

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Referee Communication System

ANNEX A

FIELD POSITIONING SYSTEM

Purpose

To establish the official positioning and movement responsibilities of all Match Officials.

A.1 Center Referee Positioning

The Center Referee shall:

- a) Operate primarily on the side opposite the team benches.
- b) Utilize a diagonal movement pattern.
- c) Maintain the best possible angle of vision.
- d) Anticipate play development.
- e) Remain sufficiently close to active play while avoiding interference.

Key Principle

Angle is more important than distance.

A.2 Linesman A Positioning

Linesman A:

- a) Controls Team A bench side.

- b) Monitors play to the halfway line.
- c) Supervises substitutions.
- d) Assist the Center Referee by observing, identifying, and reporting violations.

A.3 Linesman B Positioning

Linesman B:

- a) Controls Team B bench side.
- b) Monitors play to the halfway line.
- c) Supervises substitutions.
- d) Monitors the Team B technical area.

A.4 Match Recorder / Timekeeper Positioning

Located at the central technical table.

Responsible for:

- a) Match timing.
- b) Countdown operation.
- c) Match records.
- d) Official communication support.

ANNEX B

Match Control Signals

Start Play

Single whistle and arm signal.

Stop Play

Firm whistle.

Advantage



Both arms extended forward.

End Match

Multiple whistle blasts.

Goal Signals

Goal Awarded

Arm pointed toward center.

No Goal

Clear arm signal indicating play continues.

Own Goal

Goal signal followed by notation to
Timekeeper.

Penalty Goal

Goal signal with penalty confirmation.

Restart Signals

Direction Signal

Arm extended toward attacking direction.

Two-Meter Distance

Arms extended outward indicating
required space.

Violation

Whistle and restart signal.

WMMF Signals

**Possession Countdown Active (NOT
IMPLEMENTED YET)**

Raised arm with open hand.

PA1 Violation

Point toward PA1.

Penalty Awarded

Point clearly toward appropriate penalty
spot.

Disciplinary Signals

Yellow Card

Card held overhead.

Blue Card

Blue card held overhead.

Red Card

Red card held overhead.

Second Blue = Red

Blue card followed immediately by red
card

ANNEX C

OFFICIAL MATCH REPORT FORM

Competition

Match Number

Date

Venue

Referee Crew

Center Referee:

Linesman A:

Linesman B:

Timekeeper:

Teams

Home Team:

Away Team:

Significant Incidents

Referee Signature

Final Score

Home:

Away:

Goals

Minute

Scorer

Goal Type

(Normal Goal / Own Goal / Penalty Goal)

Discipline

Yellow Cards

Blue Cards

Red Cards

ANNEX D

REFEREE ASSESSMENT FORM

Assessment Categories

Positioning

Score 1–10

Fitness

Score 1–10

Application of Rules

Score 1–10

Match Control

Score 1–10

Discipline Management

Score 1–10



Communication

Score 1–10

Teamwork

Score 1–10

Professional Conduct

Score 1–10

Overall Assessment

Excellent

Good

Satisfactory

Needs Improvement

ANNEX E

PA1, PA2, PS1 & PS2

PA1

- a) Restricted goalkeeper area.
- b) Only the goalkeeper may occupy PA1.
- c) Any defending player entering PA1 commits a violation.

PA2

- a) The larger penalty area surrounding PA1.
- b) Penalty offences occurring within PA2 may result in a penalty shot.

PS1

Used for standard penalties prescribed by the WMMF Competition Rules & Regulations.

Referee Responsibilities

- a) Place ball correctly.
- b) Position players.
- c) Authorize attempt.
- d) Determine result.

Penalty Spot 2

Used for penalty situations designated by WMMF Competition Rules & Regulations.

Referee Responsibilities

- a) Verify correct spot.
- b) Position players.
- c) Authorize attempt.
- d) Determine result.

ANNEX F

POSSESSION COUNTDOWN PROCEDURES

F.1 Possession Limit

Thirty (30) seconds.

F.2 Countdown Start

The Timekeeper starts the countdown when offensive possession is established.

F.3 Countdown Administration

Match Recorder/Timekeeper:

- a) Operates countdown.
- b) Alert Linemen Power Play is finished



- c) Record all infractions, Personal & Team Fouls.
- d) Record goals

F.4 Violation

Failure to attempt a shot on goal within thirty seconds results in a Possession Time Violation. **(NOT IMPLEMENTED YET)**

ANNEX G

POWER PLAY ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES

Yellow Card

Short Power Play

- a) Duration: 30 Seconds
- b) Team plays short-handed.
- Ends when:
 - c) 30 seconds expire; or
 - d) A goal is scored by either team.

Blue Card

Long Power Play

- a) Duration: 60 Seconds
- b) Team plays short-handed.
- Ends only after:
 - c) Full 60 seconds expire.
 - d) A goal is scored by either team.

Red Card

- a) Player ejected.
- b) Player may not return.
- c) Replacement permitted according to Competition Rules.

Match recorder/Timekeeper Duties

- Start suspension timer.
- Monitor duration.
- Authorize return eligibility.
- Record completion.

ANNEX H

REFEREE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Decision Flow

- a) Linesmen → Report
- b) Center Referee → Decide
- c) Match Recorder/Timekeeper → Record

Match Control Flow

- a) Referee Signal → Timekeeper Action
- b) Match Recorder/Timekeeper Alert → Referee Decision
- c) Linesman Report → Referee Decision

Communication Principles

All Match Officials shall:

- a) Communicate clearly.
- b) Use standardized signals.
- c) Support each other professionally.
- d) Avoid public disagreement.
- e) Present a unified officiating team.