2026 Football Tasmania Referee Coaching Process

Purpose:

The referee coaching process has been defined to provide greater visibility and clarity of the process and expectations for referee coaches.

Scope:

This Referee Coaching process will be used and applied by Football Tasmania's Referee Coaches for all competitions and matches sanctioned by Football Tasmania.

Process:

Step 1: Availability

- Referee coaches can provide their availability/unavailability in DRIBL in advance at any time.
- For 2026, this must be done at least 14 days in advance. For the avoidance of doubt, DRIBL will lock the availability feature 14 days in advance.
- If your availability changes after the 14 days, please email Nathan Coad.

Step 2: Appointment

- Referee appointments will be issued for a 16 day period by 5pm Tuesday each week.
- Referee coach appointments for WSL and NPL will always be issued at the same time as referee appointments.
- Referee Coach appointments for all other competitions will be issued at least 7 days in advance of the match. This is to allow for referee responses prior to referee coach appointments.
- For WSL and NPL matches, the weekly appointments spreadsheet will confirm whether the referee coach is expected to view the match in person or via the livestream.

Step 3: Referee Coach Response

- Referee Coaches must respond to their appointments by 9am the Monday of the matchweek. This is to ensure referees are aware the referee coach will be viewing the match.

Step 4: Matchday

- On matchday, referee coaches are required to arrive at the same time as the referees.
- These times are listed in the "2026 Football Tasmania Referee Pre and Post Match Guidelines"

Step 5: Post Match De-brief

- For all matches, the referee coach must complete a post match debrief with the refereeing team. For matches where the referee coach has attended in person, this must be done prior to leaving the venue, unless otherwise pre-organised with the referee.
- For matches where the referee coach is viewing the match via the live stream, a debrief time must be organised by the referee coach prior to the match beginning.

Report's

- After completing the post match debrief, the referee coach must complete the applicable form.
- For all matches, other than NPL and WSL matches, the mentoring report form must be completed. This report should always be completed prior to the next weekend of matches, but must be completed within 4 weeks of the match.
- For all NPL and WSL matches, the NPL & WSL Referee Coaching Report must be completed. This report must be completed by 10am Friday in the week after the match. For midweek matches, the report must be completed within 5 business days.

Payment

- Upon completion of the applicable report, referee coaches will be paid in the next pay cycle.