

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS & REFEREES

DATE: WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2017

SUBJECT: FFV REFEREE GREEN SHIRT PROGRAM

Dear Clubs,

FFV is promoting the green shirt program as a vital part of a new referee development, education and retention. The green shirt program recognises that new referees need the support of the football family as they begin their refereeing careers.

Please see the below promotional video:

- [FFV Green Shirt Referee Program](#)

Green shirt referees are new referees who are learning their trade but just because someone is a green shirt referee, it doesn't mean that they are a bad referee.

The program aims to change behaviours towards new referees, and encourage clubs and spectators to treat them as just a referee and provide them encouragement and respect.

Retaining these referees is of utmost importance and it is equally vital that everybody involved in football plays their part. Coaches, players, referees will make mistakes and they should be given a chance to learn from these mistakes without abuse and problems. Referees face abuse far too often and abuse is one of the key factors in driving referees away from the game.

Green shirt referees will be given a green card (as shown below), to introduce themselves to the coach and explain the meaning of the green shirt program.

All referees need to be afforded respect and given an opportunity to learn, football is about development for everybody.

Could you please ensure that all club members are made aware of the green shirt program and that coaches are given information on the green card (refer to Appendix 1).

Thank you for your support of FFV Referees.

Kind Regards,



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APPENDIX 1



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RESPECT

Hi, my name is _____
I am your referee today and also a part of the FFV Referee 'Green Shirt Program.'

Green shirt referees are new to refereeing and need the support of the football family as they begin their refereeing careers.

Through the 'Green Shirt Program' FFV encourages everyone to support these referees in a positive way.

Just like you and your players, all referees will make mistakes from time to time.

When we do, we ask that everyone remember that the main reason referees leave the game is due to negative or inappropriate comments and behaviour from coaches, players and spectators.

Remember:

- The players are kids
- This is a game
- The coaches are volunteers
- The referees are human
- This is not the EPL or A-League



Good luck for today's match!