

Payment of Referees for 2026/27 Season

Please note that the information outlined below has been agreed upon by both the DLBB and DMBB, in conjunction with the DOA.

We would ask all Clubs to ensure that coaches and team managers are familiar with the following rules regarding payment of referees.

Appointed Games

- Each team is required to pay one referee for appointed games. The referee must be paid a **flat rate of €35**, inclusive of travel expenses. Please do not pay above this rate. If a referee requests more than €35, please refuse and report the matter to the DLBB.
- The referee must be paid before the game starts.
- If a team refuses to pay the referee's fee before the game starts, the referee is entitled to refuse to officiate the game. In these circumstances, the win will be awarded to the team that was willing to pay the referee. The referee will record all relevant details on the scoresheet and forward to the DLBB.
- If a Club requires a receipt for the referee payment, the Club must have a receipt available for the referee to sign **at the time of payment**. Referees cannot be asked to sign a receipt retrospectively.
- If a team fails to turn up for a scheduled fixture, a €100 fine will be imposed by the DLBB. This will cover associated costs, along with an administration fee. Clubs are reminded that team managers and coaches are responsible for ensuring that they are fully aware of, and attend, all scheduled fixtures.
- If a game is suspended and subsequently refixed to be completed from the point at which it was originally suspended, the DLBB will cover the associated referee costs for the refixed game and will invoice the relevant Clubs at the end of the season.

Non-Appointed Games:

- Teams in non-appointed divisions must provide a graded referee for their games. If one referee is confirmed as graded, the second referee may be an Intro Referee.
- It is the home team's responsibility to ensure that there is at least one graded referee available for the game.
- If only one official referee is present, the game must still go ahead. The team responsible for not having a referee must pay the referee's fee.
- Under no circumstances may the registered coach or a registered player of either team, or any coach named on the scoresheet, officiate the game on behalf of their team.
- Family members are not permitted to referee a game in which a member of their family is playing or coaching. A breach of this rule will result in a €100 fine, in addition to a point being awarded to the opposition.
- Each team is required to provide one referee for the game. Each referee must be paid a **flat rate of €25**. Please do not pay above this rate. If a referee requests more than €25, please refuse and report the matter to the DLBB.