

# ***ALBERT PARK BASKETBALL REFEREES ASSOCIATION***

## **BEGINNER REFEREE SCHOOL**

**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1:00pm – 3:00pm over 3 weeks  
**Where:** St Kilda Primary School, 2B Brighton Rd, St Kilda VIC  
**Cost:** \$40

The course is run by the Albert Park Referees Association.

The course will be held over three Saturdays. To pass the course you MUST attend all three sessions. If you have missed a week or turned up late you will have to repeat those weeks missed. This applies for any of the weeks of the course or failing to satisfactorily complete the work tasks set in order to progress to the on-court training section of the course.

### **THE COURSE**

#### **Week 1 ( 21<sup>st</sup> April):            Violations (approx. 1.5 hours)**

The basic rules of what constitutes a Violation, (Travels, Double Dribbles, 3 seconds, etc) and why referees have different interpretations on the rules.

#### **Week 2 (28<sup>th</sup> April):            Fouls (approx. 1.5 hours)**

The basic rules of: what constitutes a Foul, (Hands Foul, Unsportsmanlike Foul) and why referees have different interpretations on the rules.

#### **Week 3 (5<sup>th</sup> May)                    Part 1 Referee Signalling (approx. 1 hour)**

It is important to clearly communicate to the players and spectators what the referee decision is, and why. There are a number of signals that are not understood and clarity of the calls is an important tool of refereeing.

#### **Week 3 (5<sup>th</sup> May)                    Part 2 Positions on court for Referees. (approx. 1 hour)**

The ability of the referee to be in the right place at the right time is not by accident or experience. The referees have guidelines to work to as a team has in running an offence.

In the first two weeks bring a pen and a notebook. In week 3, we want you to attend ready to participate in a practice game (you don't have to be a good basketballer).

#### **After the School finishes**

After the schooling is finished we will initially put you out on the court with a "buddy", who will run along side you and assist you in what to do and where to go. This lasts for about three weeks, depending on how confident you may be. At this level apprentice referees will only be allowed to referee two games per night.

When you are able to referee by yourself (you still have a more senior referee partner on the other side of the court) you will be able to referee as an apprentice. You will wear a green shirt to indicate to all players playing on your court – they must not say anything to you. It's like learner plates on a car.

When you're confident in what you are then doing an evaluator will have a look at you and grade you. If you pass the practical you then become a C grade official and able to referee anywhere and at any times.

The process from the first week of the referee beginner's school through to C grade rating takes about 10 weeks. Some beginners are quicker and some are slower. It all depends on how confident you may be. This does take time to develop.

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