

**RingballSA REFEREES' ASSOCIATION  
REGULATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

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## 1. COLOURS AND EMBLEMS

### 1.1. Colours

- 1.1.1. The colour of RingballSA Ref Ass is as prescribed by the **Ringball SA Management**.
- 1.1.2. The criteria for awarding colours are defined in the **RingballSA Ref Ass Regulations**.
- 1.1.3. Written authorization for purchasing of colours must be given by the Ringball SA Management.

### 1.2. Emblems

The emblem with the inscriptions for the different categories of referees are defined by **Ringball SA Management**.

## 2. APPAREL

### 2.1. Ladies

#### 2.1.1. National Referee

Green  $\frac{3}{4}$  pants with a white panel on the sides with satin red stripes on the seams between the pants and the white panel. Top with short sleeves and the emblem embroidered on the left breast as defined in Appendix 3. White tennis socks. The colour of the top as prescribed by Ringball SA Management.

#### 2.1.2. RingballSA Referee

Navy blue  $\frac{3}{4}$  pants with a white panel on the sides with satin stripes on the seams between the pants and the white panel. Top with short sleeves and the emblem embroidered on the left breast as defined in Appendix 3. White tennis socks. The colour of the top as prescribed by the RingballSA Referee Association Management.

### 2.2. Men

#### 2.2.1. National Referee

Green shorts with a shirt with short sleeves and the emblem embroidered on the pocket on the left breast as defined in Appendix 4. White tennis socks. The colour of the shirt as prescribed by Ringball SA Management.

#### 2.2.2. RingballSA Referee

Navy rugby shorts with a shirt with short sleeves and the emblem embroidered on the pocket on the left breast as defined in Appendix 4. White tennis socks. The colour of the shirt as prescribed by the RingballSA Referee Association Management.

### 2.3. General

- 2.3.1. A Referee will always wear the appropriate apparel when officiating at Ringball SA competitions. Sport shoes shall be worn with socks. Secret socks are not allowed.
- 2.3.2. A Referee will be allowed to officiate wearing their Provincial/District's shorts or skirts when they are players and have to officiate a match

directly after playing a match at the Ringball SA competitions. However, the referee has to wear the RingballSA Referee's Ass top or shirt and will not be allowed to wear their Provincial/District's top or shirt.

- 2.3.3. A Referee will be allowed to officiate wearing the RingballSA Referee's Association tracksuit.

### 3. OFFICIAL DRESS

#### 3.1. Ladies

##### 3.1.1. National Referee

Green blazer with applicable emblem as defined in Appendix 2, beige skirt, white blouse and black shoes with stockings.

##### 3.1.2. RingballSA Referee

Navy Blue blazer with applicable emblem as defined in Appendix 2, beige skirt, white blouse and navy blue shoes with stockings in Appendix 3.

#### 3.2. Men

##### 3.2.1. National Referee

Green blazer with applicable emblem as defined in Appendix 1, beige (chinos), white shirt, applicable Ringball SA tie and black shoes with appropriate socks.

##### 3.2.2. RingballSA Referee

Navy blue blazer with applicable emblem as defined in Appendix 2, beige (chinos) trousers, white shirt, applicable Ringball SA tie and black shoes with appropriate socks.

### 4. RULES AND PROCEDURES TO THE AWARDING OF COLOURS

- 4.1. Colours as defined in Sections 2 (above) will be awarded to the referees by Ringball SA after qualifying as RingballSA Referee or when selected as SA Referees at the annual Ringball Championships. The Referee has to officiate at least six (6) matches during the Annual Ringball Championships.
- 4.2. The RingballSA Referee's Association Committee shall nominate referees to be approved by the Ringball SA Executive Committee to be awarded colours as Ringball SA referees.
- 4.3. If a Referee was selected and awarded colours as SA Referee prior to being able to officiate at the Ringball SA events because of unforeseen circumstances (e.g. injury) the colours will be withdrawn.
- 4.4. The selection and announcement of the SA Referees will take place after completion of the annual Ringball Championships.
- 4.5. If a Referee withdraws from his selection as Ringball SA Referee after the official team announcement, for the period up to the conclusion of the SA Ringball Events after the annual National championships, he shall be suspended for a period of two (2) years. This sanction will not apply in extenuating circumstances such as death, bereavement, and serious illness supported by a doctor's certificate. All other justifications for withdrawal must be submitted in writing and will be considered on individual merit
- 4.6. A Referee that does not officiate any matches at the Annual RingballSA competitions for **two (2) consecutive years** will have to re-write the official

examinations and pass the practical requirements to regain the RingballSA Referee accreditation

## **5. MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATION**

- 5.1. The member registers via his club/district with a provincial body and RingballSA.
- 5.2. Registration as a member is valid for one (1) season only and shall be renewed annually.
- 5.3. Referees shall adhere to all clauses referring to membership/affiliation of a player as defined in the RingballSA constitution and regulations.

## **6. POWER TO VOTE AT ANNUAL OR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 6.1. In order to qualify for participation, with the power to vote, at general meetings of the RingballSA Ref Association the member will adhere to the following requirements:
  - 6.1.1. All financial obligations liable to their Federation/District and Ringball SA must be fulfilled.
  - 6.1.2. Credentials shall be handed to the Secretary-General of the RingballSA Ref Ass prior to the meeting.
- 6.2. Non-conforming of Clause 6.1 (above) shall result in a member forfeiting its power to vote.

## **7. NOMINATIONS**

- 7.1. Nominations shall take place by show of hands.
- 7.2. Each nomination shall be seconded by another Provincial/District and shall have the sanction of his own Federation/District.
- 7.3. If so requested each nominated person shall provide proof of registration/affiliation for at least the previous year for such a nomination to be accepted

## **8. MATCHES**

- 8.1. The Ringball SA Management determines all RingballSA competitions/events.
- 8.2. All matches shall be officiated according to the Ringball SA Rules of the Game.
- 8.3. The Ringball SA Management determines the rules (excluding playing rules) and the basis of play in the competition as well as the date, venue and time.
- 8.4. Ringball SA Ref Ass Executive appoints a referee for a specific match.
- 8.5. Referees shall adhere to the dress code as determined by the RingballSA Ref Ass and endorsed by RingballSA.

### **8.6. Match participation**

- 8.6.1. Referees shall adhere to all duties as specified in the RingballSA Rules of the Game

- 8.6.2. At the toss referees to ensure that all players wear their registration number and appears next to their names on the team card.
- 8.6.3. The referee should ensure that only a legal replacement player may be used in the place of an injured player.
- 8.6.4. Referees shall not allow a disqualified player to be replaced.
- 8.6.5. The referee should ensure that, in the event of a player with a bleeding injury leaves the playing field immediately to have his injury looked after.
- 8.6.6. When the referee disqualifies a player, he/she shall register the player's number on his scorecard. After the match the referee shall ensure that the player's name is registered on the back of the team card also stating the reason for the disqualification. The referee shall report the incident immediately to the Ringball SA Ref Ass Management.

## 9. **DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND PROCEDURE**

### 9.1. **Action**

The RingballSA Ref Ass executive committee has the power to take disciplinary action against individual members under its authority.

### 9.2. **Reasons for disciplinary action**

- 9.2.1. Non-compliance by any member or provincial/district association with any clause of the Ringball SA Ref Ass and the Ringball SA Constitution and regulations.
- 9.2.2. Non-compliance with the game rules.
- 9.2.3. In the judgment of the Ringball SA Ref Ass Management any practice, action or neglect that may harm Ringball, any aims or any activity of RingballSA.
- 9.2.4. The use of any substance prohibited by the International Olympic Committee.

### 9.3. **Disciplinary Procedure**

- 9.3.1. Except for urgent incidents, members shall be informed in writing that disciplinary steps are being considered and the grievance pertaining to such planned action.
- 9.3.2. Such notification shall stipulate a time and place that the hearing will take place and also indicate that the member's presence is required.
- 9.3.3. The written notification referred to in Clause 6.3.2 above must be handed to the person or chairperson of the provincial/district association or sent by registered mail to the home address of the person or chairperson. Such notification shall be deemed to have been received seven (7) working days after the postal date.
- 9.3.4. In urgent cases, the executive committee may take disciplinary action against a member or provincial/district association, notwithstanding the fact that notification as stipulated above, has not been given. Consideration must be given to Clause 6.3.2 above and is further subject to confirmation after proper notification is given to the member. In the

event of the confirmation not being made within thirty (30) days after the initial disciplinary action, such action shall be terminated.

9.3.5. No investigation shall be initiated and no measures shall be taken against a member or association unless such a member or provincial/district association is present at such proceedings and is granted the opportunity to defend the alleged complaint, or had proper notification of the proceedings and elected not to attend.

9.3.6. Any disciplinary action taken by the Ringball SA Ref Ass executive committee in terms hereof, shall be related to the seriousness of the offence with due consideration given to the detriment or damage resulting from the offence. With the execution of the punishment the Ringball SA Ref Ass executive committee shall consider any other actions taken by another Ringball association/body.

#### **9.4. Disciplinary measures**

9.4.1. The executive committee may, in terms hereof, institute the following disciplinary measures against a member: (Also see the Referee Association Disciplinary Code)

- Warning
- Fine
- Temporarily uplift privileges
- Suspension (to be authorized by RingballSA)

#### **10. APPEAL**

10.1. The Ringball SA Ref Ass executive committee shall handle all appeals.

10.2. Upon receipt of an appeal notice, the Ringball SA Ref Ass executive committee shall convene a meeting within 48 hours.

10.3. A team manager or provincial/district association appealing shall do so in writing. The appeal should include the following:

10.3.1. The ruling against which the appeal is lodged.

10.3.2. Comprehensive details of the circumstances that led to the appeal.

10.3.3. The appeal fee as determined by RingballSA must be paid prior to the furnishing of the notice of the appeal. . This appeal fee is refundable in the event of a successful appeal.

10.4. The appeal must be heard within 21 (twenty-one) days after receipt of the notification.

10.5. In cases that serve before the Ringball SA Ref Ass management, the following decisions can be taken:

10.5.1. The decision against which the appeal is lodged is set aside

10.5.2. The decision against which the appeal is lodged is upheld

10.5.3. The decision against which the appeal is lodged is amended with the understanding that it may not be amended to have an aggravating effect.

#### **11. GENERAL**

11.1. RingballSA Ref Ass management must submit to the RingballSA secretary-general on an annual basis on or before 30 September the following documents:

11.1.1. The annual report that includes, where applicable, the following information:

- RingballSA Ref Ass chairperson's report on the activities of the association.
- Minutes of the annual general meeting.
- Names of persons to whom colours are awarded.
- The constitution, if any amendments had been made during the last annual general meeting.
- Address list and telephone numbers of the newly elected management.

THE ABOVE REGULATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION HAVE BEEN APPROVED  
AT A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT  
..... AT THIS ..... DAY OF .....

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary-General**



**APPENDIXES**  
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**Competition Apparel**

**Ladies Apparel**

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