



FAI Referees Expenses

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INTRODUCTION

This agreement was reached through negotiations between the Irish Soccer Referees Society and the FAI Youth and Amateur Committee on behalf of the Football Association of Ireland.

This agreement will come in force on January 1st, 2025 and operate until December 31st, 2027. It may be extended beyond that date with the agreement of both parties. The increase in match fees shall come into effect on Monday March 10th, 2025.

This Agreement is binding on all FAI affiliates, leagues, clubs and referees and any breach should be reported in writing to the FAI Youth & Amateur Committee and the Irish Soccer Referees Society.

Signed: Sean Slattery

On behalf of the Irish Soccer Referees Society

Date: 22/02/2025

Signed: David Moran

On behalf of the Football Association of Ireland

Date: 22/02/2025

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Amateur

MATCH REFEREE FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Intermediate	€51	€19	€70
Junior	€39	€19	€58

ASSISTANT REFEREE & FOURTH OFFICIAL FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Intermediate	€26	€19	€45
Junior	€20	€19	€39

Youths

MATCH REFEREE FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Inter-League	€39	€19	€58
U19	€39	€19	€58
U18	€39	€19	€58
U17	€39	€19	€58

ASSISTANT REFEREE & FOURTH OFFICIAL FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Inter-League	€20	€19	€39
U19	€20	€19	€39
U18	€20	€19	€39
U17	€20	€19	€39

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Underage

MATCH REFEREE FEES – 11-a-side			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Inter-League	€31	€19	€50
U15 & U16	€20	€19	€39
U13 & U14	€14	€19	€33
MATCH REFEREE FEES – Non-11-a-side			
Non-11-a-side games	€3 max. 20 mins each way	€19 (Only if within the Urban Allowance)	€22
Non-11-a-side games	€7, max. 25 mins each way	€19 (Only if within the Urban Allowance)	€26
Non-11-a-side games	€12 max. 30 mins each way	€19 (Only if within the Urban Allowance)	€31
ASSISTANT REFEREE & FOURTH OFFICIAL FEES – 11-a-side			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Inter-League	€15	€19	€34
U15 & U16	€10	€19	€29
U13 & U14	€7	€19	€26
ASSISTANT REFEREE & FOURTH OFFICIAL FEES – Non-11-a-side			
Non-11-a-side games	€3 max. 20 mins each way	€19 (Only if within the Urban Allowance)	€22
Non-11-a-side games	€4 max. 25 mins each way	€19 (Only if within the Urban Allowance)	€23
Non-11-a-side games	€6, max. 30 mins each way	€19 (Only if within the Urban Allowance)	€25

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Colleges & Universities

MATCH REFEREE FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Premier Division	€51	€19	€70
First Division	€39	€19	€58
ASSISTANT REFEREE & FOURTH OFFICIAL FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Premier Division	€26	€19	€45
First Division	€20	€19	€39

Schools Football

MATCH REFEREE FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Secondary			
U17, U18, U19, U20	€37	€19	€56
U15 & U16	€17	€19	€36
U13 & U14	€12	€19	€31
Primary	€12	€19	€31
Primary (5-a-side tournaments)	€55* *Daily rate	N/A	€55*
ASSISTANT REFEREE & FOURTH OFFICIAL FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Match Fee + UTA
Secondary			
U17, U18, U19, U20	€19	€19	€38
U15 & U16	€9	€19	€28
U13 & U14	€7	€19	€26
Primary	€7	€19	€26

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Primary (5-a-side)	N/A**	N/A	€55
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Futsal

MATCH REFEREE FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Total Payable
Emerald League	€33	€19	€52
FAI Futsal Cup	€33	€19	€52
TIMEKEEPER / 3 RD OFFICIALS FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Total Payable
Emerald League	€7	€19	€26
FAI Futsal Cup	€7	€19	€26
University\College	€38 per Hour	N\A	€38 per Hour

Adult Recreational

MATCH REFEREE FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Total Payable
11-a-side	€37	€19	€56
Non-11-a-side	€28	N/A	€28

*Provincial Senior Cups

MATCH REFEREE FEES			
Level	Match Fee	Urban Travel Allowance	Total Payable
Referee	€126	N/A	€126
AR 1	€82	N/A	€82
AR 2	€82	N/A	€82
4 th Official	€82	N/A	€82

*The above fees shall only apply when a National League club is involved. When only Intermediate & Junior clubs are involved, Intermediate fees shall apply.

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Notes to Fees

The annual FAI Referee Registration fee will be aligned to the standard junior match/expense fee - as determined by the FAI Referees Committee. This will be phased in over the next three registration periods (years). (2025,2026 and 2027)

Match administration and reporting systems as determined by the league must be strictly adhered to.

Top Division Fee:

The Top Division Fee of €8 shall be payable for the following competitive matches:

- Top division in Junior League, where there is more than one division
- Top division in Women's Leagues, where there is more than one division
- Half of this fee for assistant referees

The Top Division Fee of €7 shall be payable for the following competitive matches:

- Top division in Youth Leagues, where there is more than one youth division*
- Top division in Under 19 Leagues, where there is more than one under 19 division *
- Intermediate representative matches
- Junior representative matches
- Inter-provincial matches of the grades referred to above
- Only applies where promotion and relegation exist
- National agreement supersedes local agreements in national and provincial competitions

Oscar Traynor Competition: Intermediate Rates to apply.

Meal Allowances: Meal allowances shall be €30 for a round trip journey of 100 miles or more as per official FAI policy.

Urban Travel Allowance: The Urban Travel Allowance shall be €19 for a round trip of up to 25 miles.

Mileage Allowance: Where applicable, the Mileage Allowance for matches with a round trip above 25 miles shall be at the official FAI rate, which is currently 50 cents per mile. The Urban Travel Rate shall apply for the first 25 miles. The mileage allowance of 50 cent per mile shall apply for every mile after 25 miles. The minimum amount payable to a referee in travel expenses shall be €19. Where a referee officiates at subsequent matches at the same venue / ground, the Mileage Allowance, if applicable and above €19, shall only apply to the first match. Match Fee plus Urban Travel Allowance shall apply for the subsequent matches.

Pitch Inspection: The following flat fees shall apply for pitch inspections carried out at the request of the home club or the competition organiser. Intermediate: €20, Junior/Youths: €15, Under 16 and below: €10.

Match Fees: Match fees to be paid before the game where practical, and payment method is agreeable to all parties.

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Cancellations:

- (a) When a referee travels to an appointed game and the game is not played due to ground and/or weather conditions, as determined by the match referee, half match fee, and full expenses to apply and to be paid on the day.
- (b) Where a referee travels to an appointed game, and only one team turns up, full fees and full expenses to apply upon receipt and acceptance by the relevant governing body of the Match Referees Report.
- (c) Where a referee travels or is travelling to an appointed game and that game is not played due to it being previously cancelled by the appropriate authority, the relevant governing body shall determine, on receipt of the Match Referees Report, if reasonable efforts were made by the relevant authority to notify the referee. If they find this did not happen, then full fees and full expenses shall apply. Where a decision has been made by a governing body to pay fees post-match to match officials then these shall be paid within 28 days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays).