



HUNTER VALLEY
FOOTBALL

ISSUE #5

25th of Mar, 2026



BACKING OUR REFEREES

See page 1 for more details

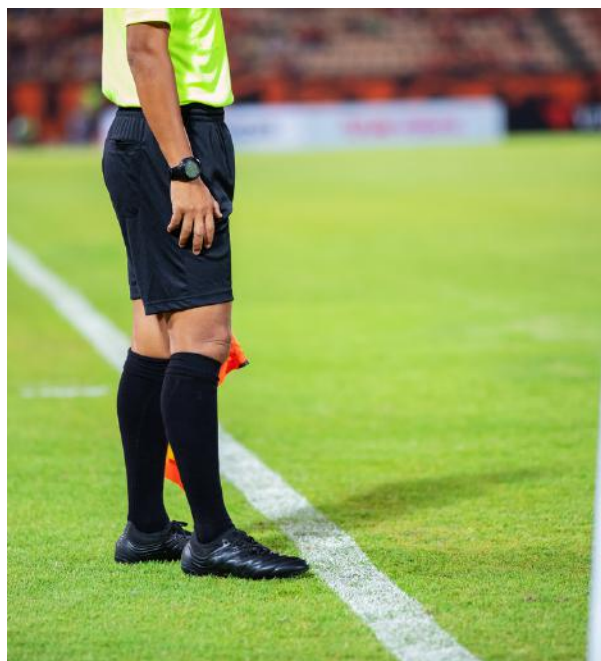
DEPLOY



FOLLOW US ON



Backing Our Referees...



Backing Our Referees with Real Support!

Hunter Valley Football is making refereeing a better, safer, and more supported space than ever before. Referees now have stronger systems behind them, clearer guidance, and real pathways to grow at every level of the game.

When our referees feel supported, confident, and connected, everyone benefits!

Backing Our Referees with a New Standard!

We're lifting the bar for refereeing across Hunter Valley Football. This new standard is built on protection, development, and genuine value, ensuring our referees have what they need to succeed both on and off the field.

Whether they're starting out or aiming higher, every referee should feel respected, backed, and part of a professional pathway.

Backing Our Referees by Investing Where It Matters!

Referees are essential, the game cannot run without them.

That's why we're putting real investment into referee wellbeing, training, development, systems, and support.

When referees feel valued and empowered, the whole football community strengthens.

Investing where it matters means investing in people.

Backing Our Referees by Investing in Quality!

Quality refereeing doesn't happen by accident. It's built through meaningful development.

We're increasing assessments, offering more one-on-one feedback, and providing targeted development opportunities to help referees grow with confidence.

Better feedback means better performance, better decision-making, and better experiences for every player.

Backing Our Referees with No Registration Fees!

Referees should be able to participate without unnecessary barriers.

That's why local referee registration fees have been removed. You now only pay the state and national fees.

More affordability, more accessibility, and more reason to stay involved in the game you love.

Backing Our Referees...

Backing Our Referees by Keeping What You Earn!

Your hard work on the pitch should come straight back to you.
With the removal of HVFA's 10% referee levy, every referee now keeps 100% of their match payments.
This change recognises the time, commitment, and effort referees give every week.

Backing Our Referees with Development Pathways!

Referees deserve clear and achievable pathways just like players and coaches. We're building structured development routes with real progression opportunities, from community matches to advanced competition levels.
Whether you're in your first season or looking to take the next step, the pathway is here, and we're committed to helping you move forward.

Backing Our Referees with Direct Investment!

Referees are not an optional extra. They're a core pillar of football.
We're making direct, focused investment into referee education, systems, coaching, mentorship, and support programs to build long-term success.
This isn't a one-off initiative. It's a commitment to the future of refereeing in our region.

Backing Our Referees with an Operations Reset!

Referee operations have undergone a complete reset to improve consistency, communication, and support.
Hunter Valley Football is now directly managing all local referee operations to deliver a stronger, more unified experience for referees and clubs.
This reset ensures clearer processes, better administration, and a more professional structure across the board.

Backing Our Referees to Walk Away!

Respect is non-negotiable.
Referees are fully supported to walk away from abusive behaviour, because everyone deserves a safe and positive environment.
We are taking a firm stance: no abuse, no excuses, no exceptions.
Zero Tolerance towards match official Abuse.
Let's create a football culture where respect is the standard, not the request.



Become a Referee in 2026!

The 2026 season is just around the corner, and we're calling on all emerging and returning referees to register and be part of another great year of sport.

Referees are essential to the game, bringing fairness, safety, and integrity to every match. Whether you're an experienced official or new to refereeing, your knowledge and commitment continue to make a real difference on and off the field.

By registering for the 2026 season, you'll:

- Stay connected to the game you love
- Receive ongoing support, training, and development opportunities
- Gain valuable skills and confidence while helping games run smoothly

If you're ready to be involved, now is the time to register and start preparing for the season ahead. Your contribution matters, and we'd love to see you back out there in 2026.

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

**EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST**



Upcoming Australia Cup Games

Don't miss round 3 of the Australia Cup and cheer on your local Hunter Valley clubs!



VS



VICTORIA PARK



MARCH 25TH - 7:30PM



VS



WALLSEND OVAL 2



MARCH 25TH - 7:00PM

School Holiday Clinics



This April school holidays, Hunter Valley Football Association will be running school holiday clinics for players aged 7-13 years old!

Rutherford

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th April 2026

Gresford

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th April 2026

Kurri Kurri

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th April 2026

Scone

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th April 2026



U8s & U9s

8:30am - 10:30am

U10s & U11s

11:00am - 1:00pm

U12s & U13s

1:30pm - 3:30pm

\$ 33
(1 day)

\$ 60.50
(2 days)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

UPCOMING COACHING COURSE

APRIL



COLES MINIROOS

1ST - THORNTON

15TH - ABERMAIN

23RD - LARGS

2ND - BOLWARRA

21ST - LOCHINVAR

28TH - TENAMBIT

FOUNDATION OF GOALKEEPING

12TH - ABERMAIN

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

COACH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP SERIES

MATCH DAY PROCESS



WHAT IS THE CDWS?

The Coach Development Workshop Series (CDWS) is a series of workshops occurring monthly, targeted at providing club coaches the opportunity to further develop their coaching knowledge in tandem with formal coaching courses. The topics of the workshops will change each month and are focused on some common obstacles faced by community coaches.



APRIL 30TH



6:30PM - 7:30PM



CLUB MAITLAND CITY, RUTHERFORD



FREE

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

What is The C Diploma?

Who is it for?

The C Diploma is a Football Australia and Asian Football Confederation recognised course, designed for coaches working with youth players who are ready to progress beyond introductory coaching, typically within community, development and emerging performance environments.

What is it?

It is a nationally recognised coach education qualification that builds on foundational coaching knowledge and focuses on planning, delivering and reviewing effective training sessions. The course develops coaches' understanding of the game, player development principles, and how to apply a game-based coaching approach across training and match environments.

Why is it useful?

The C Diploma equips coaches with the skills and confidence to coach more independently and purposefully. It helps coaches design structured, age-appropriate programs, make informed decisions on match day, and support the long-term development of players while maintaining a positive and engaging learning environment. The C Diploma is a pre-requisite to enrol for the Football Australia B Diploma.

\$ 962.65





HUNTER VALLEY FOOTBALL



FOLLOW US ON

