

## **FAW COMET Referees Webinar 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

### **Questions and Answers**

**Can the link for the video be sent out to us as an email?**

The webinar recording and a copy of the presentation will be published at <https://cometsupport.faw.cymru/referees/training-and-support/training-webinars-and-presentations/> and a link sent out to all referees.

**Are all local football leagues going to be using comet as I referee in the local Aberdare football league in Rhondda Cynon Taff.**

All adult, youth, junior girls and the Flintshire Junior League (U12-U16) will use COMET for their competitions from the 2020/21 season.

**Who is the competition manager? Vale of Glamorgan or SWFA?**

The league or cup organiser is the competition manager. All leagues that are on COMET have provided us with details of their competition managers and referee appointers and they are currently being set up on COMET. For Area Association Cup Competitions then the Area Association would be the Competition Manager

**Will friendlies need to be on comet?**

No, friendlies are not currently on the COMET system.

**How do I stay in one local league?**

Please contact the league to let them know if you are keen to be appointed for their matches. It is not possible to indicate one league to referee in on COMET but you are able to decline any match appointments you do not want to accept.

**Will match appointments be localised for each ref to minimise travel?**

As before, it is up to competition referee appointers which referees they appoint, it is just the means of appointment (via COMET) that will differ.

**If a Referee accepts a game in, for example, the Cardiff & District League and is then requested to referee on an Ardal League can he/she decline the parks game to accept the match at a higher Tier?**

It is possible to decline a match appointment you have previously accepted through COMET. You will need to enter a reason for doing this.

**Do clubs still need to confirm the game to the referee personally, or will this be done by clubs on COMET?**

The match details will be sent to the referee when they are appointed to the match and the match status is moved to Scheduled. Any changes to the match should also be made on COMET so that they generate an updated email. There is no need for the club to re-confirm these details unless there are any extra details that the competition organiser requires them to communicate to the referee.

**Is there a function to confirm the teams playing colours?**

Clubs can confirm their team colours for review on the web version of COMET and have been shown how to do this. Whether this is a requirement will depend on the particular competition rules.

**If a club is unable to submit team line ups can we submit it for them if it is a signal problem?**

Yes, a referee is able to confirm a team line up on behalf of a club, and this would be helpful if a club is having problems.

**At what time on match day is a team allowed to ask to change the team sheet line up before kick off?**

The deadline for confirming a team line-up and the circumstances under which it can be changed will depend on the competition rules.

**The earlier clubs have to confirm games and team sheets, the more changes will need to be made in match day which may turn into more than needed admin by refs before kick-off. What will the tolerances be on this as I fear laziness from some clubs will creep in.**

The deadline for a club to submit their team line up is decided by the competition organiser. This was the same before COMET, but now the team sheet is being submitted electronically rather than on paper. The system remembers the short numbers and can replicate the previous team selected, so is a quicker process for clubs than handwriting or typing a team sheet. It was not our experience in the 2019/20 season that many clubs asked referees to help with their team sheet submission.

**Who is responsible for adding substitutes goals and scorers?**

We have recommended the home club should add substitutes, goals and scorers. However the away team is also able to do this if it helps on the day and the clubs work between them to sort this. It is worth checking with the club that they have done this before moving the match to Played (confirming the match) as neither the club nor referee will be able to add match events when the match status has been changed to Played.

**At local league level will we have to record who scores the goal as previously this was not something referees recorded.**

Clubs have been told it is recommended the home club record match events and it is for the clubs to do this.

**Does this mean that coaches who have the mComet app can update scores before the referee?**

Coaches with user access to COMET can update scores, but club users cannot confirm the match result (by moving the match status to PLAYED), only the referee is able to do this. You are therefore able to check and amend any details if they do not match up with your records before moving the match to PLAYED.

**How do you get the app?**

The mComet app can be downloaded free of charge from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store on a smart phone. Your log in details for the app will be the same as for the web version. Please ensure you choose the FAW as the tenant and the Prod version when logging into the app.

**Is the live app on the app store yet?**

No, the live app is not yet available, but we will let all football stakeholders know when it is and how they can find it.

**Why can't we use the search facility for information on other matches or people**

A person's access to COMET is restricted to what they need to access to perform their role, however you will be able to access other match information on the COMET Live app.

**I like this system & it will improve comms and professionalism. It's clear to me that a referee's mobile phone will now be a key piece of our match equipment, reviewing and editing team line-ups for instance. With this in mind, why doesn't the FAW insurance cover mobile phones as vital match equipment? Can the FAW renegotiate the cover please as it's clear that our phones will be as vital as our whistle, flags etc. Without phone cover, the policy is virtually worthless. Thanks**

The insurance included in referee membership does not currently cover mobile phones, but this is something we can look into for the future.

**What is your advice about taking your phone or laptop in the dressing room and leaving it there whilst the game is ongoing?**

We would advise taking the normal precautions you take to ensure your belongings are secure. There is no requirement to take a laptop to a match as all processes can be carried out on a smart phone and is also quicker to carry out most processes on the mComet app.

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**Are match fees increasing to cover the cost of the data used whilst the match is being played?**

There is no requirement for a referee to record match events on COMET during a match, the clubs have been asked to do this. The referee is asked to check the events that the home club has added at the end of the match and add to or correct these if necessary, before moving the match status to PLAYED. This is a quick process and does not use much data. This can also be done at home or in a location where you can access Wi-Fi if you do not want to use any data.

**How can referees who do not possess a phone and do not have internet access do this please?**

If a referee does not have access to a phone or the internet, we would recommend seeking help from someone who can access the internet, as adult, youth, junior girls and the Flintshire Junior League (U12-U16) will use COMET for their competitions from the 2020/21 season.

**Cannot remember if I have added my next of kin to my COMET profile. Where do I go to check this?**

You can see this on your profile on COMET in the contacts tab. You can find a user guide on updating your personal information, including adding next of kin information [here](#).

**Are clubs still (physically) able to input disciplinary reports?**

We are sorry we aren't sure what is meant with this question so please feel free to contact us at [refereesregistration@faw.co.uk](mailto:refereesregistration@faw.co.uk) where we can assist in more detail.

**I subscribe to refsix to record the game however would there be scope for comet to link into this app?**

There is not scope for this to be done at this time sorry. All match events and match actions need to be recorded on COMET primarily. The system won't stop you from using this, but COMET would need to be filled in first with any other software used alongside this.