

THE EMIRATES FA CUP

COMPETITION MATCH EXPENSES

Fees and Expenses of Match Officials in the Qualifying Competition

Pursuant to Rule 139 of the Rules of the Competition, for Competition Matches in the Qualifying Competition, the fees and expenses of all Match Officials shall be as follows:-

Fees:-

- *Extra Preliminary, Preliminary and First Round Qualifying:*
 - Referee, £75.00; Assistant Referees, £55.00 each
- *Second and Third Round Qualifying:*
 - Referee, £120.00; Assistant Referees, £80.00 each; Fourth Official, £50.00
- *Fourth Round Qualifying:*
 - Referee, £309.00; Assistant Referees, £155.00 each; Fourth Official, £103.00

Match Officials are entitled to their travelling expenses if incurred and half their match fee if the match to which they were appointed is not played.

Expenses:-

- An allowance of £0.40 per mile will be allowed to all Match Officials officiating who travel by private car.
- Standard class railway fares at the cheapest available rate operating on the day of the match may be allowed.

Where it is deemed appropriate for a Match Official to stay overnight prior to a Competition Match, an amount up to £100.00 may be claimed.

In the event of The Association giving permission for a pitch inspection prior to a match, by a Match Official other than the Match Referee, such Match Official shall be entitled to expenses only.

Travelling time is the period from the time the Match Official leaves home until the time he or she returns home, less the duration of the match. When an overnight stay is necessary, meal allowances are calculated from the time the Match Official leaves home to the arrival at the ground/hotel. The second day's calculations are from ground/hotel to home (less the duration of the match).

In the Fourth Round Qualifying Match Officials shall be entitled to claim meal allowances as follows:

- Where the travelling time exceeds 8 hours £25.00
- Where the travelling time exceeds 6 hours £20.00
- Where the travelling time exceeds 4 hours £15.00

Away Club Travel Expenses

Pursuant to Rule 250 and 251 of the Rules of the Competition, travel expenses that an Away Club may claim where incurred in relation to a Competition Match must not exceed:-

If by Coach, Car, Minibus:-

- £3.60 per coach mile for same day travel.
- £7.20 per coach mile where an overnight stay is agreed.
- If private cars or minibus are used, then the expenses which can be claimed will be for a maximum of five cars at £0.48 per mile.

If by Train:-

- Up to 25 (or up to 30 in the Competition Proper) standard class fares (at the cheapest available rate).

Away Club Hotel Expenses

Pursuant to Rule 254 of the Rules of the Competition, where it has been agreed (either by the Home Club or The Association) that an Away Club may claim hotel expenses in relation to a Competition Match, these must not exceed:-

- Where incurred, up to £120.00 per person up to a maximum of 25 persons in the Qualifying Competition or a maximum of 30 persons in the Competition Proper.

Medical

256. The permitted contribution towards the incurred cost of local first aid provision that the Home Club may deduct from the Competition Match receipts shall be an amount specified by The Association and communicated to Clubs from time to time.

Pursuant to Rule 263 of the Rules of the Competition, the cost of first aid helpers and emergency medical personnel may be deducted as a match expense.

First Aid Helpers

The contributions for first aid helpers for all ties are as follows:

- (i) Clubs outside London to pay £20.00 per first aider, with a minimum payment of £60.00 per match.
- (ii) Clubs in London to pay £22.00 per first aider, with a minimum payment of £66.00 per match.
- (iii) London Clubs are defined as those within the Metropolitan Police boundary.

Payments relating to local first aid provision should be made direct to the local St John's Ambulance Brigade or Red Cross based upon the number of helpers agreed, regardless of the actual attendance. If they provide their own ambulance, then an additional payment must be mutually agreed between the Clubs for inclusion as a match expense.

These amounts are applicable for the 2025-26 Competition but may be subject to change for future seasons. The Association will communicate the relevant expense allowances prior to the commencement of each Competition.

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