

FOOTBALL REFEREES

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1. Malta F.A. List of Active Referees

In order that a referee may have his name on the Malta F.A. List of Active Referees for the current football season he must be in possession of a Referee's Certificate of the Malta F.A. or a Referee's Qualification of a foreign National Football Association which is a full Member of FIFA and must have a Referee's Licence of the Malta F.A. for the current football season.

2. Referees' Certificates of the Malta F.A.

- (i) Referees' Certificates which the Malta F.A. may award shall be of four categories in an ascending order as follows:
 - (a) A Trainee Referee Certificate;
 - (b) A Third Class Referee Certificate;
 - (c) A Second Class Referee Certificate;
 - (d) A First Class Referee Certificate;
- (ii) A person who desires to obtain a Referee's Certificate of the Malta F.A. in any category must be of a good moral character and must satisfy the criteria established in these regulations.
- (iii) A referee may not obtain a Referee's Certificate in a category which is higher than the one immediately next to his present one.

3. Trainee Referee Certificate

- (a) In order that a person may obtain a Trainee Referee Certificate, he must follow a course in the Laws of the Game and in the relevant Competition Rules of the Malta F.A. and obtains at least seventy-five per cent (75%) of the marks in both a written and an oral examination.
- (b) The course shall be carried out according to a syllabus to be prepared by the Referees' Training Officer and approved by the Referees' Board. In order that a candidate may be allowed to sit for the examination he is required to attend at least ninety (90%) per cent of the lectures held.
- (c) The written and oral examinations shall be carried out by a Board of Examiners nominated by the Referees' Board.

4. Third Class Referee Certificate

- (a) In order that a Trainee Referee may obtain a Third Class Referee Certificate, he must be at least eighteen (18) years old during the season when he is awarded the certificate, has been in possession of a Trainee Referee Licence for at least the past year and must be proposed by the Referees' Recruitment Officer. If the Referees' Board endorses the recommendation of the Recruitment Officer for such a referee to obtain the Third Class Referees' Certificate, in order that such a referee obtains such a certificate, he must follow a course which will include:
 - (i) The Laws of the Game;
 - (ii) Those Competition Rules of the Association and of the MFA Member Associations which a referee is expected to know; and
 - (iii) The general organization of the Malta FA.

Furthermore, at the end of such course he must sit for the under mentioned examinations and must obtain the following minimum marks:

- (i) A written and an oral examination in the Laws of the Game and obtains, on average, at least eighty-five per cent (85%) of the marks; and

- (ii) A written and an oral examination in the relevant Competition Rules of the Association and of the MFA Member Associations and in the general organization of the Malta FA and obtains, on average, at least; eighty per cent (80%) of the marks.
- (b) The course shall be carried out according to a syllabus to be prepared by the Referees' Training Officer and approved by the Referees' Board. In order that a candidate may be allowed to sit for the examination he is required to attend at least ninety per cent (90%) of the lectures held.
- (c) The written and oral examinations as well as the practical examination shall be carried out by a Board of Examiners, nominated by the Referees' Board.

5. Second Class Referee Certificate

- (a) In order that a Third Class Referee may obtain a Second Class Referee Certificate, he must have been in possession of a Third Class Referee Licence for at least the last two (2) years, and he is nominated by the Referees' Board to obtain the Second Class Referees Certificate.

Furthermore, in order that such a referee obtains the Second Class Certificate, he must sit for the following oral examinations and must obtain the following minimum marks:

- (i) An oral examination in the Laws of the Game and obtains at least 90% of the marks, and
- (ii) An oral examination about those Competition Rules of the Association and of the MFA Member Associations which a referee is expected to know and about the general organization of the Malta FA and obtains at least 80% of the marks.
- (b) In considering whether to propose a candidate, the Referees' Board shall take into consideration his co-operation with the Officer-in-Charge Referees' Appointments, his performance as a referee and/or assistant referee as reported by Match Inspectors, his attendance at instructional meetings and/or seminars organised by the Malta F.A. and/or the Malta Football Referees' Association, his character on and off the field of play and any of the criteria which the Referees' Board may deem fit to consider.
- (c) The oral examination shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners to be nominated by the Referees' Board.

6. First Class Referee Certificate

- (a) In order that a Second Class Referee may obtain a First Class Referee Certificate, he must have been in possession of a Second Class Referee Licence for at, least the past two (2) consecutive years, and he is nominated by the Referees' Board to obtain the First Class Referees Certificate.

Furthermore, in order that such a referee obtains the First Class Certificate, he must sit for the under mentioned written and oral examinations and obtains the following minimum marks:

- (i) An oral examination in the Laws of the Game and obtains at least ninety per cent (90%) of the marks;
- (ii) An oral examination about those Competition Rules of the Association and of the MFA Member Associations which a referee is expected to know and about the general organization of the Malta FA and obtains at least eighty per cent (80%) of the marks;
- (iii) An oral examination about the general organization of UEFA and FIFA and obtains at least eighty per cent (80%) of the marks;
- (iv) An oral examination in general knowledge and obtains at least; eighty per cent (80%) of the marks;
- (v) A written and an oral examination in the English language and obtains, on average, at least sixty per cent (60%) of the marks, provided that in any of these examinations, he must at least obtain fifty per cent (50%) of the marks.

In addition, such referee will be assessed in social behaviour and must obtain at least eighty per cent (80%) of the marks.

- (b) In considering whether to propose a candidate, the Referees' Board shall take into consideration the candidate's co-operation with the Officer-in-Charge Referees' Appointments, his performance as a referee and/or assistant referee as reported by Match Inspectors, his attendance at instructional meetings and/or seminars organised by the Malta F.A. and/or the Malta Football Referees' Association, his character on and off the field of play and any of the criteria which the Referees' Board may deem fit to consider.
- (c) The oral examinations and the practical test shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners to be nominated by the Referees Board.

7. Minimum Educational Requirements

The Referees' Board shall, from time to time, establish the minimum educational standards which one must have in order to be eligible to obtain a Referee's Certificate in any particular category.

However, in the case of First Class Referees, these qualifications must include proficiency in both the Maltese and the English languages.

8. Approval of the Malta F.A. Executive Committee

The educational requirements which the Referees' Board deems fit to establish and the granting of a Referee's Certificate in the Third Class, Second Class and First Class categories shall require the prior approval of the Executive Committee of the Malta F.A.

9. Referees' Licence of the Malta F.A.

- (i) In order to obtain such a licence for the current football season, a referee shall make an application to the General Secretary of the Malta F.A. on the appropriate form established by the Council and within the time limit established by the Council. The application form must be accompanied by those documents which the Council may require and the relative fee established by the Council.
- (ii) The General Secretary shall submit every such application received in accordance with the provisions mentioned in paragraph (i) above to the Referees' Board which shall be competent to decide whether to accept or refuse such an application and the category in which to award the licence to the applicant.
- (iii) Licences shall be of four categories in an ascending order as follows:
 - (a) A Trainee Referee Licence;
 - (b) A Third Class Referee Licence;
 - (c) A Second Class Referee Licence;
 - (d) A First Class Referee Licence.
- (iv) (a) The Referees' Board shall not award a licence to a referee in a category which is higher than the class in which he has a Referee's Certificate. However, the Board may award a licence to a referee in a category which is lower than the class in which he has a Referee's Certificate.
- (b) The Board shall not grant a licence unless the referee is not more than the age of fifty (50) years during the football season to be covered by the licence and unless within the two (2) months previous to the time when the application is considered he has passed a medical test and a physical test. The minimum requirements of both the medical test and the physical test shall be established by the Board. However, with regards to the requirements of the medical test, the opinion of the Medical Committee of the Association shall be sought.
- (c) In considering the category of the licence which is to be awarded to a referee, the Board shall consider whether the referee has adhered to the relevant provisions of these regulations and the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Malta F.A. and whether disciplinary sanctions had been imposed on him during the previous football season.

- (v) (a) If the Referees' Board turns down an application of a referee who is in possession of a Referee's Certificate of the Malta F.A., or in case such a referee does not agree with the Board as to the category of the licence awarded to him, the referee concerned shall have the right to ask the Board to reconsider its decision.
- (b) Such a request must be filed in writing with the Secretariat of the Association within six (6) days of the date of the written notice informing the referee of the Referees' Board's decision and must be accompanied by a deposit of twenty-five euro (€25) which amount shall be forfeited if the request for reconsideration is turned down. If the request is upheld, it shall be at the discretion of the Board whether to refund the deposit or a part of it.
- (c) On any such request, the Board may in its discretion ask the referee to hear him orally.
- (d) On any such request, the decision of the Board for that football season shall be final.

10. Appointments For Competitive Matches

- (i) Appointments for competitive matches shall be made in accordance with the policy established by the Referees' Board.
- (ii) In establishing its policy regarding appointments in competitive matches, the Board shall be bound by the following criteria:
 - (a) A referee who has a Trainee Licence or who is a Member of the Honorary Referees List may not officiate as a referee or as an assistant referee in competitions other than Youth Competition and Member Associations' matches.
 - (b) A referee who has a Third Class Licence may not officiate as a referee or an assistant referee or as the fourth official in competitions other than Third Division or lower divisions, Under 21, Reserves, Women's and Youth Competition matches, and in Member Associations' Competition matches. However, he may officiate as an assistant referee in matches involving Second and First Division Clubs.
 - (c) A referee who has a Second Class licence may only officiate as a referee in those competitions mentioned in paragraph (b) above and as a referee in matches involving Second Division Clubs. However, he may officiate as an assistant referee in First Division League matches and also in matches involving Premier Division Clubs provided he is in the Top Division Assistant Referees Pool. He may also act as the Fourth Official in any competitive match. In the latter case, he may replace the Second Assistant referee in case of urgent necessity and afterwards an explanation shall be given to the Referees' Board.
 - (d) A referee who has a First Class Licence may officiate as a referee or assistant referee or act as the Fourth Official in all competitive matches. However, in order that he may officiate as a referee in Premier Division matches or in competitive matches in which a Premier Division Club is involved he must form part of the Top Division Referees' Pool and in order to act as an assistant referee in Premier Division matches or in competitive matches in which a Premier Division Club is involved he must be in the Top Division Assistant Referees Pool. Furthermore, the Referees' Board may divide the Top Division Referees Pool into two categories, namely Pool A and B. In such a case only referees in Pool A may officiate in all the matches since Pool B referees may not officiate in presumably very difficult matches in which Premier Division Clubs are involved.

An exception to these rules may only be made by the Officer in Charge of Referees' Appointments and/or his Assistant/s in cases of urgent necessity and afterwards an explanation shall be given to the Referees' Board.

- (e) As a rule, a First Class Referee who does not take the physical test which the Referees' Board may decide upon or who fails such a test when he is expected to undergo such a test will disqualify him from refereeing or acting as an assistant referee in his class.

- (f) As a rule a Second Class, a Third Class or a Trainee Referee who does not take the physical test which the Referees' Board may decide upon or who fails such a test when he is expected to undergo such a test will disqualify him from refereeing or acting as an assistant referee in competitive matches of the first team of Member Clubs of the Malta F.A. However, the Referees' Board may decide otherwise in case that the referee concerned fails the physical test only in a small measure.
- (iii) The Officer-in-charge Referees' Appointments and/or his, Assistant/s may depart from the policy established by the Referees' Board only in exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the Chairman of the Board. In any such case an explanation shall be given to the Board.

11. Top Division Referees' Pool

- (i) At the beginning of each football season the Referees' Board shall form a pool of referees who may act as referees in competitive football matches in which Premier Division Clubs are involved. However during the football season the Board may increase or decrease the number of referees in the Pool and may substitute referees in the Pool. The maximum number of referees in the Pool shall be established by the Malta F.A. Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Malta F.A. Executive Committee may organise a Semi-Professional Scheme for the referees in the Top Division Pool. Joining such a Scheme by a First Class Referee shall be on a voluntary basis but joining such a Scheme shall be obligatory for referees in the Top Division Pool. The conditions of such a Semi-Professional Scheme, including financial remuneration, shall be at the discretion of the Malta F.A. Executive Committee.
- (iii) Subject to the provisions or paragraph (iv) and (v) hereunder, referees shall be admitted to the Pool, and shall remain in the Pool at the sole discretion of the Referees Board.
- (iv) Only referees who are in possession of a First Class Licence, are not more than forty seven (7) years old during the season, have passed a medical and a physical test in the last two (2) months, and who during the previous season had co-operated in the most ample manner with the Officer-in-Charge Referees' Appointments, attended regularly collective training sessions organised by the Malta F.A., attended regularly instructional meetings and/or seminars organised by the Malta F.A. and/or the Malta Football Referees Association and had regularly obtained good marks for performance in competitive matches may be admitted to the Pool at the beginning of the season.
- (v) In order that a referee may remain in the Pool during the football season, he is required to co-operate in the most ample manner with the Officer-in-Charge Referees' Appointments, attend regularly collective training sessions organised by the Malta F.A., pass a medical test and a physical test whenever decided by the Referees Board, attend regularly instructional meetings and/or seminars organised by the Malta F.A. and/or the Malta Football Referees Association, is regularly awarded good marks by Match Inspectors for his performance in competitive matches and has not been subjected to disciplinary sanctions by the Malta F.A.
- (vi) A referee shall be officially informed by the General Secretary of the Malta F.A. if he has been admitted to the Pool and in case that he has been removed. In the latter case the Referees' Board need not divulge the reasons for its decision.
- (vii) Referees who are in the Top Division Referees Pool may be required by the Referees' Board to make a self-assessment in the form which the Referees' Board may establish with regards to those matches as the Referees' Board may decide.

12. Top Division Assistant Referees Pool

- (i) At the beginning of each football season the Referees' Board shall form a pool of assistant referees who may act as assistant referees in competitive football matches in which Premier Division Clubs are involved. However, during the football season the Board may increase or decrease the number of assistant referees in the Pool and may substitute assistant referees in the Pool.

- (ii) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (iii) and (iv) hereunder, assistant referees shall be admitted to the Pool and shall remain in the Pool at the sole discretion of the Referees' Board.
- (iii) Only referees who are in possession of a First Class Licence or a Second Class Licence, and are not more than forty-seven (47) years old during the season, have passed a medical and a physical test in the last two (2) months, and who during the previous season had cooperated in the most ample manner with the Officer in Charge of Referees' Appointments, attend regularly collective training sessions organised by the Malta F.A., attending regularly instructional meetings and/or seminars organised by the Malta F.A. and/or the Malta Football Referees Association, and had regularly obtained good marks by Match Inspectors for his performance in competitive matches and have not been subjected to disciplinary sanctions by the Malta F.A.
- (iv) In order that an assistant referee may remain in the Pool during the football season, he is required to co-operate in the most ample manner with the Officer-in-Charge Referees' Appointments, attend regularly collective training sessions organised by the Malta F.A., pass a medical test and a physical test whenever decided by the Referees Board, attend regularly instructional meetings and/or seminars organised by the Malta F.A. and/or the Malta Football Referees Association, is regularly awarded good marks by Match Inspectors for his performance as an assistant referee in competitive matches and has not been subjected to disciplinary sanctions by the Malta F.A.
- (v) An assistant referee shall be officially informed by the General Secretary of the Malta F.A. if he has been admitted to the Pool and in case that he has been removed. In the latter case the Referees' Board need not divulge the reasons for its decision.

13. Co-operation, Collective Training, Medical Tests and Physical Tests for Other First Class Licence Referees

- (i) All those referees who have a First Class Licence but are neither in the Top Division Referees' Pool nor in the Top Division Assistant Referees' Pool are also required to co-operate in the most ample manner with the Officer-in-Charge Referees' Appointments, attend regularly collective training sessions organised by the Malta F.A., undergo a medical test and a physical test when ever decided by The Board and attend regularly instructional meetings and/or seminars organised by the Malta F.A. and/or the Malta Football Referees Association.
- (ii) The above mentioned criteria will be taken into consideration for the purpose of admitting, during the football season, referees who have a First Class Licence to the Top Division Pool.
- (iii) The Malta F.A. shall compensate all referees who have a First Class Licence for expenses connected with collective training in such manner as the Executive Committee of the Malta F.A. may deem fit.

14. Co-operation, Collective Training, Medical Tests and Physical Tests for Other Classes of Referees

- (i) Referees who are in other classes of refereeing have the duty to cooperate in the most ample manner with the Officer in Charge of Referees' Appointments and to keep themselves in a good physical condition and up-to-date with the Laws of the Game, the instructions of FIFA and the Competition Rules and instructions of the Malta F.A. and its Member Associations.
- (ii) The Referees' Board is entitled to organise collective training and instruction and conduct medical and physical tests whenever it deems fit.

15. Official Uniform

- (i) (a) during local competitive matches, referees and assistant referee shall wear the official referee's uniform.

- (b) The official uniform consists of a black or a coloured jersey as the Malta F.A. Executive Committee may approve, black shorts, black stockings and black shoes. On the left side breast pocket, the emblem of the Malta Football Association must be worn. However, in the case of those referees who are on the FIFA International List, they must wear the FIFA emblem instead of the Malta F.A. emblem when officiating as referee and in the case of assistant referee who are on the FIFA International List must wear the FIFA emblem instead of the Malta F.A. emblem when officiating as assistant referees. Furthermore, the referees and the assistant referees on the respective FIFA Lists must wear also the FIFA Fair Play Emblem on their left hand sleeve.
 - (c) If the Malta F.A. provides a free uniform, then this uniform or another one of exactly the same quality must be worn.
 - (d) During international matches the uniform supplied by FIFA or UEFA or the Malta F.A. must be worn.
- (ii) The Executive Committee of the Malta F.A. may decide that the referees and assistant referees must wear a uniform whilst travelling to or from a stadium in connection with a match. Such uniform shall be that as may be established by the Executive Committee.
 - (iii) During their travel and stay abroad in connection with international appointments, referees and assistant referees shall wear a uniform which is approved by the Executive Committee of the Malta F.A.

16. Observance of the Rules

- (i) When officiating as a referee or assistant referee in local competitions, the referee shall abide by the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and the instructions on the Laws of the Game given by the same Board and/or FIFA, by the Malta F.A. Competition Rules and/or the Malta F.A. Member Associations' Competition Rules and by the other relevant rules and regulations and instructions of the Malta F.A. and/or of the Malta F.A. Member Associations.
- (ii) When officiating as a referee or assistant referee in international matches, the referee shall abide by the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board and the instructions on the Laws of the Game given by the same Board and/or FIFA, by the other relevant rules of FIFA and/or UEFA and by all those other instructions which FIFA and/or UEFA may give.

17. Obligations Towards the Game

In his obligations towards the Game, a referee or assistant referee should make every effort to ensure that he:

- (a) Is physically and mentally fit. On a physical level he must be able to keep up with the fastest game, while mentally he must be alert and on the spot to take the correct decisions from the best point of observation.
- (b) Is not afraid to take decisions;
- (c) Is firm and resists all influence from demonstrations on the part of players, team officials or spectators.
- (d) Is honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, countries, players or team officials involved;
- (e) Informs immediately the Officer in Charge of Referees' Appointments verbally and the Chairman of the Referees' Board in writing of any type of engagement he may have with any local club or with a committee member or a player of a local football club;
- (f) Should not divulge the fact that he has been appointed to act as a referee or as assistant referee or as the fourth official for a local competitive match;

- (g) Informs immediately the Officer in Charge of Referees' Appointments in the case of local matches, and in the case of referees and assistant referees who are on the respective FIFA Lists, the Malta F.A. General Secretary if, for any reason whatsoever, he will not be able to accept an appointment which may be given to him during a specified period of time. In so doing he must state the reason/s. The Malta F.A. may require evidence to its satisfaction as to the stated reason/s.
- (h) Informs immediately and state the reason/s to the Officer in Charge of Referees' Appointments in the case of local matches and the General Secretary of the Malta F.A. in the case of international appointments if, for any reason other than physical or mental fitness, he is unable to control the match or to act as assistant referee or as the fourth official in a match for which he has been appointed. In such cases the Malta F.A. may require evidence to its satisfaction as to the stated reason/s.
- (i) Informs immediately the Officer in Charge of Referees' Appointments in the case of local matches and the General Secretary of the Malta F.A. in the case of international appointments, if for any reason he is not physically or mentally fit to referee the match or to act as assistant referee or as the fourth official to a match for which he has been appointed. In such cases he must submit medical evidence.

18. Obligations Towards the Players and Persons Authorised to Sit on the Reserves' Benches and Other Persons Carrying Out a Function during a Match

In his obligations towards the players, persons authorised to sit on the Reserves' Benches and other persons carrying out a function during a match, an official who is acting as a referee or as a assistant referee or as the fourth official must ensure that he carries out his duties in a respectful manner and that he uses his discretionary powers in the right way. Thus he has an obligation to:

- (a) Protect the players from physical and/or moral abuse by other players and persons who are authorised to sit on the Reserves' Benches;
- (b) Show due respect in his spoken contact with players, persons who are authorised to sit on the Reserves' Benches and other persons who are carrying out a function at a match, even in the event of infringements by such players or persons;
- (c) Adhere to the truth and reality in his report rather than attempting to justify decisions on his part.

19. Obligations Towards the Spectators

An official, when officiating as a referee or as an assistant referee or as the fourth official, must ensure that he does nothing which irritates the spectators even in the event that he is the object of disrespect and ridicule by the spectators.

20. Obligations Towards Match Inspectors

- (i) A referee shall not approach in any way a Match Inspector with a view to influence him in the drawing up of his report nor shall he be permitted to complain to a Match Inspector about anything contained in such report.
- (ii) When an official receives a Match Inspector's report which, in his opinion, is blatantly incorrect he has the right to complain in a dignified manner, in writing, to the Referees' Board. On any such complaint, The Board shall investigate the matter and if it deems fit it shall inform the official concerned about its conclusions.

21. Obligations Towards Fellow Referees

- (i) A Referee shall at all times show due respect towards other referees and shall refrain from passing adverse comments on other referees and assistant referees in connection with football matters or otherwise.
- (ii) A Referee must assist with the development of young referees and assistant referees.
- (iii) A Referee who is acting as an assistant referee or as the fourth official must give his full support to the Referee of the match, but in any case without undue insistence.

- (iv) The Referee, assistant referees and the fourth official at a match must support each other in the most ample manner but must always be fair to others.

22. Obligations Towards Malta F.A. Officials and Other Representatives

A Referee shall at all times show due respect towards the Officials, Council Members and Board and Committee Members of the Malta F.A. as well as towards the officials of Member Clubs and Member Associations.

23. Criminal and Civil Action

- (i) A Referee shall not take criminal or civil action against anybody in connection with a match in which he was involved as a referee or as an assistant referee or as the fourth official without the prior approval of the Malta F.A.
- (ii) A Referee shall not renounce to criminal proceedings which the Executive Police may take against anybody who had used violence against him whilst officiating as a referee or as an assistant referee or as the fourth official in any match without the prior approval of the Malta F.A.
- (iii) A referee shall take those actions at law which the Malta F.A. Executive Committee may deem proper against any person for improper conduct towards the referee and which conduct is related to his duties as a referee or as an assistant referee. For this purpose the Malta F.A. Executive Committee may engage the services of a lawyer to represent the referee.

24. Relations with the Media

- (i) A referee shall not comment in any way in the media in connection with a match in which he officiated as a referee or as an assistant referee or as the fourth official, except with the prior approval of the Referees' Board or the prior approval of the Malta F.A. Executive Committee. If such a permit is granted the referee concerned shall remain fully responsible for whatever he says.
- (ii) A referee shall not accept to give an interview to the press or make comments to the media or take part in a radio or television programme regarding the Laws of the Game or their interpretation or about Maltese Football without the written consent of the General Secretary of the Malta F.A.

25. General Behaviour and Normal Work

- (i) Referees are expected to behave in the best possible manner in public even when not officiating as referee or assistant referee or as a fourth official, and particularly so during their travel and stay in a foreign country on the occasion of international appointments.
- (ii) Referees should refrain from doing jobs in public which are not commensurate with their standing as a referee and their class. The Referees' Board is entitled to give instructions regarding such matter.

26. Participation in elections of Local Councils and/or the House of Representatives

- (i) Referees must inform the Association in writing immediately they decide to participate in the elections of Local Councils and/or the House of Representatives. If a referee fails to abide by this rule he shall be sanctioned with a suspension of six (6) months.
- (ii) Referees shall not be appointed to competitive matches as from three (3) months prior to the holding of any such election/s or in case that a referee decides to participate in any such election less than three (3) months prior to the holding of such elections, as from such later date, and for one (1) month after the holding of any such election/s.
- (iii) A referee shall cease to be affiliated with the Association in case he is elected to a Local Council or to the House of representatives.