



AURORA FC

2025

Referee Report

We have seen positive progress in our referee program heading into the 2025 season, although we continue to experience some challenges with overall referee numbers, particularly at the senior level. The introduction of online training continues to be well received by new referees due to its flexibility, while we remain mindful of the importance of in-person interaction as part of the development process.

Building on last year's efforts, our mentorship program—where senior referee staff attend games to support and provide feedback to younger officials—has had a strong impact. This initiative has helped improve confidence, performance, and retention among our developing referees.

In 2024–2025, we saw an increase in participation:

- 30 small-sided referees
- 19 entry-level referees

We continue to review and adjust our per-game pay structure to support recruitment and retention. These improvements have allowed us to better recognize and compensate our senior referees for their experience and commitment.

Overall, we are encouraged by the progress made and look forward to continued growth, along with a safe and successful 2025 season.

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Chief Referee

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