

# A PERSONAL STORY FROM TWO REFEREES

## DANIELLE ANDERSON (COMMUNITY LEVEL, W-LEAGUE REFEREE)



Naturally I'm an introvert, communicating amongst large groups of people was not a strength of mine prior to refereeing. Refereeing has enabled me to test that belief and I've the skills now to communicate with a range of different people, and can implement methods to communicate more effectively with different personalities. Refereeing has also helped me develop a better understanding of the game, not just the laws of the game, but also different tactics team employ and a stronger ability to anticipate play.

### What are 3 things you enjoy most about refereeing?

- ▶ I love being able to be involved in the game at a higher level than I would otherwise be involved
- ▶ I love the challenge of every match, whether it's learning to read new players and teams, recognising different fouls and appropriate sanctions, learning to communicate more effectively with a variety of personality types or just the physical demands of different games
- ▶ I love our game, so for me I enjoy being able to give back through refereeing. We have the ability to positively influence players, coaches and the games themselves to protect player safety and enable an entertaining, flowing and enjoyable game for everyone involved and I think that's a great thing to be a part of

I enjoy every game I'm involved in, whether it's a W-League game or local state competition, that game on the day could be the most important game to those 22 players on the field, you can take something out of every game.

## ALLYSON FLYNN (FIFA OFFICIAL)



I've developed a pre match routine which I use on every match from community football to international matches to ensure I am focused and ready. Officiating the opening match at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany 2011 with my parents in the crowd and officiating the semi-final between Japan and England at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup was certainly a career highlight. I always remember one bad decision doesn't make me a bad official, it shows I am human.

### What are your 3 favourite aspects of being a referee?

- ▶ Lasting friendships I have made
- ▶ The opportunity to challenge myself and develop new skills
- ▶ Being involved in elite football

I was 18 and had moved to Albury to attend university; I decided I wanted to referee as well as play. My physical, mental and technical preparation is vital in managing the pressure of officiating.