

## Referee Expectations

- Uniform
  - Referee shirt (official or one provided by CCL clubs)
  - Black shorts or athletic pants
  - appropriate shoes (Soccer cleats or tennis shoes)
- Equipment
  - Whistle
  - Watch
  - Red and Yellow Cards
  - Pen or Pencil
  - Wear your Referee Shirt
  - Coin
  - Your field assignments
  - Duffel bag for personal property
  - Game card to record your notes
  - Schedule of games you are working
  - Referee Coordinator phone number
  - Rules
- Be punctual
  - Make sure you are there at least 20 minutes before your first game.
  - If you cannot make a game, do not wait until the last minute to notify your referee coordinator
- Focus Areas
  - Check goals for anchoring at each game. If not anchored, NO GAME. Find a league official to assist in anchoring goals.
  - Identify fouls, quickly blow whistle to stop play, quickly give direction of restart (little players give color of jersey), move down the field.
- Explaining the laws of the game to all players is beneficial to the growth and understanding of the player.
- After the game, submit scores via the CCL App. Your payment will not happen until scores have been submitted.

# Referee Game Day Checklist

## Helpful Hints:

- Know the rules.
- Work with passion.
- Blow your whistle for everyone to hear.
- Announce your call.
- Use hand signals.
- Use a whistle to control and stop the game.

## What to Bring:

- Whistle
- Watch
- Red and Yellow Cards
- Pen or Pencil
- Wear your Referee Shirt
- Coin
- Rules
- Your field assignments
- Duffel bag for personal property
- Game card to record scores & notes
- Schedule of games you are working
- Referee Coordinator phone number

## Before the Game:

- Introduce yourself to coaches.
- Teams on the same side of the field each occupying their half. Spectators on the opposite side. Players and spectators are not allowed behind either goal line.
- Check corner flags or request coaches use cones to mark corners of the field.
- ALL GOALS NEED TO BE STAKED DOWN. YOU MUST INSPECT THE GOALS BEFORE THE GAME STARTS. IF ANY GOALS ARE MISSING STAKES, REPORT THE ISSUE TO THE REFEREE COORDINATOR OR ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER.
- Request game ball (Home team).
- Inspect Players: Review player equipment for each team separately; not at midfield.
  - ✓ Shin Guards fully covered by socks.
  - ✓ Spikes must not be metal and no toe cleats.
  - ✓ Jewelry removed – Pierced earrings removed (may cover new studs with Band-Aids).
  - ✓ Casts are allowed if properly padded so they do not pose a safety hazard.
  - ✓ No baseball hats (Goalkeeper can if sun in eyes) or bandannas.
  - ✓ Goalkeepers must wear a different color shirt or pinnie from teams.
  - ✓ Hooded Sweatshirts cannot be worn over the head and must be tucked inside the shirt.
- Tell players your expectations – (Do not push, get up if you fall down, no slide tackles, proper throw-ins, off-sides, substitutions, etc.)
- **START GAMES ON TIME** – Do not allow on field warm-ups if past start time. Adjust play time if teams are running late. Announce to both teams the adjusted playtime.

## Coin Toss:

- Team Captains called to center circle (Show head/tails of coin) (If no coin, use Rock paper scissors)
- Select team to call toss (visiting team)
- Winning team selects the to kick off first or second half. Whichever team does not kick off the first half will kick off the second half. Teams will switch sides at the half.

## Conclusion of Game:

- Teams shake hands on the sideline. Watch for problems/poor sportsmanship.
- Report any problems, cards, serious injuries, or concussions to the Referee Coordinator.
- Submit scores via the CCL App. Your payment will not happen until scores have been submitted.