

Community League

Referee Game Checklist

What to Bring:

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

Helpful Hints

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

Before the Game:

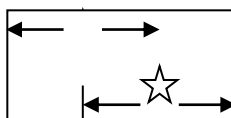
- Introduce yourself to coaches.
- Teams on the same side of the field each occupying their half. Spectators on the opposite side.
- Request coaches use cones to mark corners of field.
- Request game ball
- Inspect Players: Review player equipment for each team separately; not at midfield.
 - ✓ Shin Guards fully covered by socks.
 - ✓ Shirt tucked in.
 - ✓ Spikes must not be metal and no toe cleats.
 - ✓ Jewelry removed – Pierced earrings **removed**.
 - ✓ Casts are allowed if padded so they do not pose a safety hazard.
 - ✓ No baseball hats (Goalkeeper can if sun in eyes) or bandannas.
 - ✓ Goalkeeper must wear different color shirt or pinnie.
 - ✓ Hooded Sweatshirts cannot be worn over the head and must be tucked inside shirt.
- Tell players your expectations – (Do not push, get up if you fall down, no slide tackles except grades 7-8, proper throw-ins, off-sides, substitutions, etc)
- **START GAMES ON TIME** – Do not allow on field warm-ups if past start time.

Coin Toss:

- Team Captains called to center circle (Show head/tails of coin) (If no coin, use fingers behind back)
- Select team to call toss (visiting team)
- Winning team selects the goal to defend or kickoff. If selecting kickoff, other team selects goal to defend.

Referee Position:

Diagonals when using 2 Officials:



Official



Center Field if Officiating Alone:



Linesman-Parent

Half Time: 5 Minutes



Conclusion of Game:

- Teams do not need to shake hands due to COVID. Watch for problems/poor sportsmanship.
- Coaches do not need to sign game card due to COVID.

Report any problems, cards, serious injuries, or concussions to Referee Coordinator.

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