

REFEREE INSTRUCTIONS

May 2011

Prepare in advance

- Yellow shirt (or any color referee shirt) with referee patch, black shorts & black socks
- **Wear black UNDERNEATH if cold or wet.**
- Have an alternative referee shirt, in case of color clash with team, suggest red or black.
- Those found out of correct uniform will go to bottom of assigning list
- Whistle
- Watch
- Flags
- Red and yellow cards
- Referee pay cards & pen in plastic bag (coach signature)
- Cell phone (keep in bag with cards (Tracy's phone 248 672 5451)
- Sun block
- Drink
- Garbage for ref bag when raining

The Referee is in charge of the game, not the players, coaches or parents.
BE POLITE, YET FIRM.

Please let the league know if there is abuse/bullying from players, coaches or parents - it will not be tolerated.

Arrive 15 minutes early to games.

All referees (center and lines) should keep the game time.

U8 games should start and end quarters at the same time; both fields should run simultaneously.

Only the referee can call a game early. If there is lightning, pause the game, take shelter and wait for 20 minutes - older games may want to wait a further 20 minutes. If there is thunder, pause the game, take shelter and wait for 15 minutes. Dependent on the conditions, either re-start or call the game.

Assistant Referees should walk the line prior to the game, to ensure the teams (players and parents) are sat two feet back from the line, so they have a clear view of the line. Coaches are not allowed on the field without the Referees invitation.

Player Check in

No jewelry may be worn - must be taken out NOT taped.

All hard plastic hair accessories - headbands and barettes must be removed.

No baseball or football cleats

Must wear shin guards, covered by socks

Jerseys should be tucked in. Hoodies and strings must be tucked in.
Casts or hard braces should be covered with foam or bubble wrap.

Keepers should wear a different color shirt or pinny.