

OPSL

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REFEREE MANUAL

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REFEREE HOURS

Weekdays: Referees may be scheduled to **start** work between 5:00 & 7:00

The **sign-in** time is the time you start work, not the time you arrive at the field. You are expected to sign in at the time you are scheduled to begin your assignment to begin.

The **sign-out** time is the time you complete your assignment, not the time you leave. You are expected to sign out at the your are scheduled your assignment to end, unless you are specifically asked if you can stay later.

Once you accept an assignment, it is your responsibility to show up on time and perform all the duties involved.

Please make sure you are clear on your start and stop time each day as well as your responsibilities each day. If you are unsure, please check this manual or ask when you first arrive.

Do not bring friends with you. You are there to work, not to socialize.

There will be a referee binder in the trailer with all the assignments for the day. Please sign in and out.

Any referee who does not show up for an assignment will be suspended from further games unless they send a replacement referee to fill in for them.

Any referee who arrives late will be given a warning. Any referee who continues to arrive late may be suspended from further games. Priority in scheduling will be given to referees who show up on time. It is important to have a referee at all fields for all games.

** Remember, you may wish to use OPSL as a Reference in the future and one of the first questions we will be asked is: Are you punctual and reliable.*

CONTACT NUMBERS

OPSL office 905 451 6395

www.register4soccer.ca

Please give at least 24 your notice if you have to cancel as he needs time to find a replacement.

Do not send messages with other referees or friends unless they are prepared to take your place that day. This does not give us enough time to find a replacement referee for your game.

REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Arrive on time in uniform with your watch, whistle, pen & paper
- Sign in
- **Check to find out the field and team colours you will be refereeing at 6:00 and at 7:15 and then report to convenor if you are assigned to the Totshot program**
- Make sure your field is set up with goals and corner flags. Use only nets and equipment that is for your field. There will be a designated cubby hole in the trailer for each field.
- Check the field for hazards such as broken glass, rocks or potholes.
- Make sure that the right teams are on the field
- 6 pm or 7:15 pm – make sure that a coach has arrived and players are starting their warm-ups.
- Report to Convenor if a team is without a coach
- Assist with the warm-ups
- Get the game ball, goal keeper pinnies and game sheets
- Give a goal keeper pinnie and game sheet to each coach
- Give game sheets to the coaches
- Call the captains
- Referee the game
- Fill in the game sheets and make sure they are signed by the coaches and that the coaches agree who won, lost or tied the game.
- Make sure the field is set up for the next game
- Help clear the fields and put all equipment, the game ball and goal keeper pinnies away neatly in the correct cubby hole in the trailer
- Help with cleaning up garbage on and around the fields
- Hand in the game sheets, properly filled out and signed
- Sign out at your scheduled time.
- **Once all the above have been done you will be paid**

Referee Pay Guidelines

One Mini Game Only: Approximate Time: 1 ½ hours \$15.00

- Field setup before & after game
- Referee one game, assist with team warm ups and practices
- Return game sheets, game ball, goalkeeper pinnies
- Return nets & corner flags if not required for the next game

Two Mini Game per night: Approximate Time: 2 ½ hours \$25.00

- Field setup before & after game
- Referee two games, assist with team warm ups and practices
- Return nets, game sheets, game ball, goalkeeper pinnies
- Return corner flags
- Help with garbage cleanup

One Mini Game plus One Full Field Game per night Approx. Time: 3 hours \$30.00

- Field setup before & after game
- Referee two games, assist with team warm ups and practices
- Return nets, game sheets, game ball, goalkeeper pinnies
- Return corner flags
- Help with garbage cleanup

Two Full Field Games per night: Time: 3 hours \$30.00

- Field setup before & after game
- Referee two games
- Return nets, game sheets, game ball, goalkeeper pinnies
- Return corner flags
- Help with garbage cleanup

Stand-by referee: Time as required at \$10.00 per hour

** You will only be paid only for the time scheduled, unless specifically asked to stay later..*

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

Mini Games

- 7 players + a goalie (minimum of 5 to start) – in some age groups this may change
- ten minute quarters with a 5 minute break at half time
- substitutions after each quarter, all players on the bench must go on the field
- Players change ends at half time
- All free kicks are direct
- No offsides

Full Field games

- 10 players + a goalie (minimum of 7 to start)
- Two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time
- Substitutions on goal kicks, own throw-ins, after a goal is scored, immediately after a yellow card is given the player cautioned may be subbed by the coach so that the coach has a chance to talk to them
- Players change ends at half time
- Offsides are called
- Free kicks may be direct or indirect. Make sure you call the fouls and keep your hand up for indirect free kicks.

The Referee

- The referee is in charge of the game. Make the calls as you see them.
- Blow the whistle loudly.
- Stop the game for injuries and make sure the child is OK. Call the coach on if necessary.
- One coach is allowed on the field to assist the players on the Track fields only.
- No coaching or cheering from behind the net – this distracts and intimidates players
- Make sure the coaches, subs & spectators are not standing on the sidelines.
- Move players back on throw-ins, corner kicks, free kicks and kickoffs so that the player has room.
- Goal Kicks must come out of the box to be in play.

FOULS

A player who, **in the opinion of the referee, intentionally** commits any of the following offences, shall be penalized by the awarding of a direct free kick to the opposing team:

- Spits at an opponent
- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Holds an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately, except the goalkeeper within his own penalty area
- Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before the ball

Should a player commit one of the above offences within his own penalty area, a penalty kick shall be awarded.

The referee may send a player off for the remainder of the game for violent conduct, foul or abusive language or if they continue to play in a dangerous manner after being warned by the referee.

Goalkeepers:

- May handle the ball in their penalty area
- May throw or kick the ball from their hands after making a save
- The “6 second rule” and the pass-back rule will not apply in Mini Games (if you don’t know what this means, ASK”

As a referee it is your responsibility to learn the rules and to improve you game. If you need help or if you need clarification of the rules don’t be afraid to ask.

New referees will be assigned to the younger age groups on the track fields. This is so that we can be close at hand if you need help and so that we can monitor the game. Once we are confident that you can referee on your own you **may** be promoted to referee on the north fields.

If you have any problem with players, coaches or spectators, make sure you notify the field convenor at half time or at the end of the game!