

Central West 2010



REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

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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**
- 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
- Make sure that a coach has arrived and players are starting their warm-ups.
- Report to the trailer 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**

TOTSHOTS LEAGUE

- Arrive on time ready to work
- You will be responsible for setting up and knowing how the skill of the week is to be performed.
 - Pick up equipment for skill set up for the two teams you will be refereeing from the trailer.
 - Pick up 4 corner flags, game sheets and game ball.
 - Set up the field and skill according to instructions.
 - Make sure you know how the skills are to be executed. You will be teaching and helping with the coaches to get the skills started and making sure the skill is being properly done. (you may need to gather parent volunteers to help the kids through the skills)
 - Our objective is to teach the children a soccer skill through fun learning (obstacle courses), keep them moving and having fun.
 - You will assist and oversee the skill.
- After 20 minutes of the skill, you will blow your whistle and have the teams form two lines on one side of the field and will instruct the coaches to prepare for the game.
- You will pick up all of the equipment and neatly put it to the side of the field.

Game Time:

- Games must begin on time
- Games will consist of four (4) seven minute quarters.
- No breaks between quarters
- 6 players plus a goalie

You must be energetic and aggressive – You are the teacher – you will need to physically assist the children with throw ins, corner kicks, goal kicks, etc. You must physically pick up the ball and give it to the correct team. Explain in a very simple and fun way the rules of soccer while refereeing.

At the end of the game you must line up both team and have players shake hands – This is mandatory after each game to teach the children good sportsmanship.

You will then collect your equipment, flags etc, set the fields up for the next games and then bring all equipment back to the trailer.

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

REFEREE HOURS & PAY

Referees are paid by the hour, not by the game.

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 scheduled

The **sign-out** time is the time you complete your assignment, not the time you leave. You are expected to sign out at the time scheduled, 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 your referee 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 sent 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.

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.

**** Please note: emails or phone messages may not be received until the following day. Please contact the head referee by phone and keep calling back until you reach them. Do not just leave a message.***

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
- One coach is allowed on the field to assist the players 5-6 years old and this may be only for the first three games.
- 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
- Offsides are not called
- For very young children, one retry may be allowed
- Use common sense and use your discretion when necessary

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 and 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.
- Do not allow coaching or cheering from behind the net – this distracts the goalkeeper 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 to take the kick.
- 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!