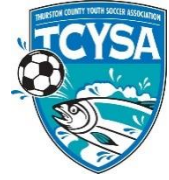


## TCYSA Field Marshal Guidance



Field Marshals are an important part of any season. TCYSA member Clubs are expected to secure Field Marshals from among their volunteers (Board members, coaches, parents, etc.) when a need is identified either by the TCYSA Director of Competition or by an individual Club. The appointment typically would be for a specific match, but could be made for an entire season.

Field Marshals must be officially appointed by either the TCYSA Director of Competition or the equivalent position of an individual Club. An individual appointed to serve as Field Marshal must be familiar with TCYSA rules.

No one else, including no other coach, volunteer, or certified referee, is authorized to take on the role of field marshal without being officially designated. Any individual who engages in action that creates a confrontation or escalation of a situation may be subject to TCYSA discipline.

If someone other than a Field Marshal is concerned about an incident at a TCYSA sponsored match, they should report that complaint directly to TCYSA via the feedback form available on TCYSA's website. TCYSA will then take appropriate action depending on the nature of the issue.

### The role of Field Marshals

A Field Marshal is typically appointed when concerns have been raised about the conduct of a team and compliance with TCYSA rules. A Field Marshal would be assigned to observe a match in order to provide an unbiased observation of the teams and report back on any concerns.

Field Marshals is typically looking for compliance with all TCYSA rules including those around sideline and sportsmanship behavior.

A Field Marshal should clearly identify themselves as a Field Marshal to the coaches and referees with their name and who appointed them as Field Marshal. (i.e. *I am Sally Smith and I am a Field Marshal appointed by TCYSA's Director of Competition to observe today's match.*)

Field Marshals should not engage in any unnecessary confrontations or escalate a situation.

Field Marshals may address issues directly with Coaches at a match regarding behavior not in compliance with TCYSA rules. However, Field Marshals should avoid approaching or interrupting the coach during a match and time any contact with the coach for appropriate breaks in play.

For issues that should be addressed but are not so serious that they require immediate action, the Field Marshal should report their observations and findings back to TCYSA or the appropriate Club.

If a Field Marshal believes there is serious behavior that should be addressed immediately, they should address that issue to both the responsible coach and the party involved since the coach is responsible for their sideline. In the most egregious cases, the Field Marshal is authorized to remove individuals from a TCYSA sanctioned event. The Field Marshal should then report that conversation/action and situation in their follow up report to TCYSA or the appropriate Club. The follow up report must be submitted as soon as possible after the match.

**For Reference:** TCYSA Sideline Behavior Policy can be found here

<https://thurstoncountysoccer.com/Assets/143/TCYSA%20Sideline%20Behavior%20Policy.pdf>

**Field Marshal Reporting Form**

*Please complete the form online using the link below.*

Field Marshal Name & contact info	
Location	
Date & Time	
Team(s) involved	
Individual(s) involved (if known)	
Describe incident/violations	
Any other pertinent information	

Note - Field Marshals will have access to this form as an online survey with this link, [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAALp\\_WjZUNk9IRloyWDJBOU5EVjvKQkhKMEMyRjYyQS4u&embed=true](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAALp_WjZUNk9IRloyWDJBOU5EVjvKQkhKMEMyRjYyQS4u&embed=true)