

Helpful hints for referees

Before the game

Respond in a timely manner to the Referee Assignor offering games.

Familiarize yourself with modified rules where applicable (see reverse side for summary of rules).

Day of the game

Arrive at the field 30 minutes before game time, in uniform and with all your equipment.

Check that the field is safe to play on and that the goals are secure.

You are in charge, even before the game starts.

Home team provides the game ball; check the size and that it's appropriately inflated.

If both teams are wearing the same color jerseys, home team must change; pinnies are allowed.

Introduce yourself to each team's coach; **get rosters** with players' names, dates of birth and shirt numbers.

Remind the coaches that it is their responsibility to ensure that players wear shin-guards; **jewelry is not allowed** and **earrings cannot be taped over**.

Ten minutes before game time, check that each player has shin guards, and clothing/other equipment is safe (no hoods outside of team jersey).

Five minutes before game time, call the team captains to shake hands and introduce themselves.

The winner of the coin toss chooses which goal to attack and the other team takes the kick-off.

During the game

You are in charge of the field and the surrounding area.

You apply the laws of the game; do not be influenced by players, coaches or spectators.

Make sure you blow your whistle so everyone can hear it.

Use your arms to signal the call you are making on the field (direction of throw-in, indirect free kicks etc.).

If necessary, request that coaches control spectators.

If necessary, remind coaches that they must abide by their Club's Code of Conduct.

Caution players where appropriate. Issue a yellow or red card to players if the offense justifies such action and complete a Misconduct Report (see below).

In exceptional circumstances you may order a coach to leave the park. Show him/her the red card and complete a Misconduct Report (see below).

After the game

You are still in charge, even after the final whistle.

You must record the game score in Arbiter no later than noon the day after the game.

Red and yellow cards are rare in youth soccer. If you issue a card you must record the details in Arbiter no later than noon the day after the game.

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