

# **Your Duties as a Referee**

This is a children's league, not an adult or competitive league. To referee for children, you must have the utmost concern for their safety and fair play. Your attitude must be positive, supportive, friendly and educational at all times. Be sure that the children have a safe and enjoyable experience.

You are not to whistle only line infractions. You are not to ignore physical fouls. You must read Rule 13 in the Coach & Referee Manual preferably before every referee assignment. You must call every foul or misconduct you see. You are the primary teacher of fair play to the children. Be strict on dangerous, aggressive and intimidating fouls and misconduct. Your game will go much smoother and there will be much less chance of injury.

Report all yellow and red cards to the referee coordinator as soon as possible after the game. Also, report damage to the goals as soon as possible after the game.

## **Rules to Follow During Game Time**

1. If you whistle a foul, explain the foul in a brief and friendly manner. These are children and you need to tell them what they did wrong.
2. The "advantage rule" of international soccer is not part of our rules. Call all fouls.
3. If a child appears injured, blow your whistle to stop play and attend to the child immediately. Don't hesitate.
4. Items you need to have are: Pencil or pen, referee time cards, time piece, whistle, coin, red and yellow infraction cards, rules and a copy of your personal information and medical release form.
5. Arrive at the game site on time and check goals for damage. Fifteen minutes before game begins, introduce yourself to coaches, instruct them on court lines, check players for jewelry, watches, rings, chains, earrings, hard hair clips, cast, etc. Get team captains together for coin toss and acquire the game ball.
6. If necessary to card a player for a game violation, advise the coach and he will be responsible for tracking time of violation before returning to game.
7. Start and end the game exactly on time.
8. At the start of each half, count the players on the floor and check that the goalies are ready and wearing distinctive shirts.
9. The first referee at the school site is responsible for getting out the goals. The last referee is responsible for making sure coaches put away the goals.

- 10.If the ball becomes difficult to play, blow your whistle immediately and restart play with a drop ball at the point where the ball went out of play.
- 11.Drop Balls: Drop from player's waist level and advise players not to kick ball until it touches the floor.
- 12.Be sure the ball has entirely passed the goal line before awarding a goal. If you are standing at mid-court, and the goalie has stopped the ball at the goal line, whatever you call will be questionable. Blow your whistle and tell the goalie "Don't Move the Ball" and go look at the goal from the side to see if a goal has been scored or not.
- 13.Instruct and gesture "Play On" if you have not blown your whistle and play has slowed due to confusion or indecision.
- 14.MOVE! Stay within 20 feet of the ball at all times.
- 15.NO ROUGH PLAY!!!! The floors are slick, don't let the kids slide into each other.