



Mount Olive Soccer Referee Sheet Instructional Program

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Games will be officiated in three divisions:
 - Division 4 – Grades 6, 7 and 8
 - Division 5 – Grades 3, 4 and 5
 - Division 6 – Grades 1 and 2
- Games are generally on Saturdays with a small number on Sundays. There will be make-up games during the week in cases of rain on Saturday or if a game is postponed by one of the coaches.
- The current fee structure is as follows:

Without Grade 9 Certification:

- DIV6 = \$10
- DIV5 = \$15
- DIV4 = \$20

With Grade 9 Certification:

- DIV6 = \$10
- DIV5 = \$20
- DIV4 = \$25

- Fees are paid twice per season, once after week 4 and again at the conclusion of the season. Payments will be made by the club Treasurer by check.
- Availability: An email will be distributed early in the week asking for that week's availability. You need to reply back to me by the deadline. Schedules go out Thursday or Friday. If you do not respond, you will not be assigned games.
- You must reply back with confirmation that you have received the assignment.
- For the first couple of weeks new refs will be paired up with seasoned refs to get accustomed to the game.
- DO NOT switch games or fields with other refs. Any changes must be approved by me.

YOU NEED TO PURCHASE

- A whistle
- A watch to keep time of the game

YOU NEED TO HAVE

- Sideline flags (provided by MOSC)
- Referee shirt (provided by MOSC)

UNIFORM:

- Yellow referee shirt, or approved USSF shirt for Grade 9 refs
- Black shorts
- Cleats or turf shoes
- No hats

PREGAME PROCEDURES

CHECKING THE TEAMS/FIELD

- Walk the field prior to the start of the game to ensure that there is nothing dangerous on the field.
- Make sure the goals are properly secured (this is the responsibility of the coach). The goals on the grass fields must be anchored with stakes and not just sandbags. Goals on the turf field must be weighted down with the sand bags.
- Make sure the lines are visible on the field (this is the responsibility of the first game's home team coach).
- Do not allow any parents to hang around behind the goal. All must remain outside of the fences.
- Each player must have shin guards covered by socks (not socks covered by shin guards).
- No metal hair barrettes or anything that is dangerous
- No baseball cleats or track shoes.
- No jewelry
- Goalkeeper must wear proper goalkeeper shirt or pinnie or something that distinguishes them from a field player.
- Ask each coach to find a volunteer to help with the out of bounds.
- Find a good ball and place it in the center circle. Call for the captains and administer the coin toss. Whichever team wins the coin toss gets choice of field and the loser gets the kickoff.
- If a team is not on the field on time, more than 10 minutes late, decide if you need to cut the halves short to remain on time for the day. If you are the last game on that field for that day, cutting the game short may not be required.

GAME PARTICULARS/MODIFICATIONS

- Division 6 plays four-12 minute quarters
- Division 5 plays two-30 minute halves
- Division 4 plays two-35 minute halves
- No direct kicks in the penalty area for Divisions 5 and 6. Bring the ball to the closest area outside the penalty area and restart from there. In other words, no penalty kicks.
- Substitutions: Unlimited number of players
 - Prior to a throw-in in your favor
 - Prior to any goal kick
 - After a goal by either team
 - After an injury
 - No substitutions during corner kicks
 - Coaches can agree to change the sub rules; review prior to game how they want to handle

GAME PARTICULARS/MODIFICATIONS – continued

- Move around the field. Remain close to the play.
- Blow the whistle firmly and loudly
- Vocalize your calls so the players and coaches know what you have ruled, especially the goal kicks and corner kicks. Help get the game restarted quickly.
- Any stoppage time added for injuries is determined by you but not necessary.
- Must call offside in Divisions 4 and 5.
- The ball is out of bounds when the entire ball crosses over the sideline or goal line.
- A minimum of 5 minutes must be given for half time, but be aware of when the next game starts.
- Teams change sides at halftime
- Be decisive and stick to FIFA and Mt. Olive Recreation rules as closely as you can. It is important that the Recreation players learn the rules and there is consistency in our refereeing.
- It is important that you review the rules of soccer. Just be aware of the rules for kick-offs, throw-ins, corner kicks, goal kicks, substitutions, and re-starts. If you make a mistake, play on.
- See any board member if you encounter any problems or call me. Report all unacceptable behavior by players, coaches and parents to me and I will follow up on it.
- Do not get into confrontations with coaches, spectators, players, or parents. Report any misconduct or situation to me immediately.

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