

FSJSC Referee Guidelines (Oct 2016)

SCHEDULING

Put the date, time, location and division of your scheduled games on a calendar in your kitchen.

If you trade or give away an assignment to another referee you should let the scheduler know. There may be reasons why certain referees are not assigned to certain teams or games.

Always keep a record of all your copy of the game sheets. You must submit them to get paid.

PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES/PLANNING

Arrive at the field house or gym 15 minutes before the game to allow for field check, team equipment checks and your warm up. Anything much less than this will make you rushed and not prepared for the game.

- Field safety
- Check touch lines/goal lines/nets
- Game ball – pumped up, no blemishes
- Length of halves
- Introduce yourself to coaches and players
- Game sheet signature
- Equipment check
- Call captains Home/Away - Kick-off

Start on time!

Switch sides at half!

Injured player procedure:

Only stop if player needs assistance.

Stop immediately for any contact with the head.

Restart with dropped ball

Player equipment:

- Shin guards covered by socks
- **Club jersey**, shorts with no zippers
- All jewelry removed **other than medic alert tags**
- Nothing dangerous (no metal hair clips, knee braces covered)
- **No ridged cast ever allowed on the field**

Player's equipment & jewelry – no negotiating

“You can't take off your jewelry? So you've decided not to play then?”

Any player bleeding from a wound must leave the field for treatment. They can return only after the bleeding has stopped, the wound is covered and any blood stained clothing is replaced.

THE GAME SHEET

Make sure you have:

- team colours
- age group
- location
- division/time
- signature (only one)

AFTER THE GAME HAS STARTED

Coaches are responsible for the conduct and behavior of their team, their parents and supporters, before, during and after the game. They must act to maintain sideline discipline at all times especially when requested by the referee. Never approach a spectator directly if they are giving you a hard time.

If a spectator causes you concern, uses foul language towards you or tries to intimidate you in any way ask the coach of their team to tell them to stop.

REPORT ALL CASES OF SPECTATOR INTERFERENCE TO

Sheilagh at fsjsoccer@telus.net

Jaimelia Turner, referee@fsjsoccer.com .

SUBSTITUTIONS

There are unlimited substitutions in all league games.

Players must sub in front of their bench. Sub on the fly. Not whole team.

Player off before player on!

Futsal goalkeeper substitutions are on the fly with a goalkeeper jersey.

TIME OUT

In futsal, each team is allowed one 60 second time-out/half.

Many players/parents don't understand this so it may cause some confusion.

GAME CONTROL

Body Language

- Confidence and calm even if you don't feel it.
- Keep face neutral and breathe slowly.
- Eye contact, shoulders back, chin up, clear signals

Voice

- one or two word explanations
- loud and clear
- friendly but firm

Positioning

- arc to arc
- inside the touch line if needed
- always moving
- players in front of you, try to see faces

Whistle

- strong, loud, no breathy sound
- variety – kickoff, foul, half-time, end of game, restart, instructional, emergency

Arm signals – USE THEM!

- Kick-off
- Direct free kick
- Indirect free kick/Offside
- Goal kick/clearance
- Corner kick
- Penalty
- Directionality

Clothing

- **Black shirt, black shorts with pockets, tall black socks**
- Whistle
- Watch
- Athletic Footwear

POST-GAME

Even though the game has ended your duties as a referee have not.

Return the game ball(s) to the coach.

Observe the handshakes to ensure sportsmanship. Do not take it personally if teams do not shake your hand. Please report this to referee@fsjsoccer.com

Double check the game sheet is completed correctly.

Ensure your game sheet is signed.

AFTER GAME PROBLEMS

Some coaches may want to talk about the game and your decisions.

You should only talk to the coach if they are calm and you feel calm.

You are allowed to but you are not required to speak with coaches.

If the coach wants to argue, you should not discuss anything because that will likely lead to further problems.

If the coach uses an uncomfortable tone or raises his/her voice you should quietly and firmly say something like,

“I did what I thought was best. Have a good night.” *Then walk away.*

If you feel threatened by a coach or spectator, walk over to someone you know and walk with them.

Always call or email someone right away if you have an incident with a player or a coach.

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