



## Lakeland District Soccer Association - Field Marshal

### Role:

The role of the Field Marshal is to maintain a positive and sportsmanlike environment around the playing field, to uphold LDSA's Code of Conduct and Ethics and serve as a role model to our young athletes. Marshals must be wearing safety vests or identifiable lanyards.

League Games & Informal Games: Assign one individual from each team to speak up on behalf of the referee among their fellow parents, spectators, and peers. All teams participating in league play must designate an individual at each game to act as a Field Marshal.

Mini Tournaments: Assign one or more individuals to speak up on behalf of the referee among their fellow parents, spectators, and peers. One marshal per four fields of play for U7/U9; and one marshal per two fields of play for U11.

Lakeland Cup: See Lakeland Cup Hosting Requirements.

### Duties:

1. Monitor the behavior of parents/fans. This includes the use of obscene or abusive language, threats of bodily harm, fighting, continued berating of officials or others involved in the game.
2. Ensure parents/fans do not enter the field of play or player's bench area. Ensure that spectators are not sitting on the player side of the field.
3. The Field Marshal is to remind parents/fans to keep their comments to themselves and refrain from vocalizing their complaints during the game.
4. Quickly diffuse potential problems before they arise by either being visible or calmly speaking with the individual(s) involved.
5. Deal with, and act on, inappropriate comments, gestures and/or general unsporting behavior directed at referees, players or any other individual by your teams' spectators but please avoid getting into a confrontation. If someone is still hostile after being asked to calm down, please gather as much information but do not put yourself in a dangerous position.
6. The Field Marshal will not interfere with the coach but can gather information should he/she deems it necessary and forward this information to the Head Referee for follow up.
7. The Field Marshal is expected to support the referee when requested by the official to do so should a situation require this.

**\*\*The Field Marshal is not expected to put themselves in a situation which may compromise their safety.**