

WYSA Directive to Referees and Coaches regarding Referee Liaisons

1. Referee Liaison's are required for every match *as per WYSA Rules & Regulations*:

Article 7 TEAM OFFICIALS REFUSING TO ASSIST GAME OFFICIALS

7.1 Team officials are responsible for the conduct of their team members, supporters and spectators before, during and after the game. They must act to maintain sideline discipline at all times especially when requested by game officials. Failure to aid the officials will result in the abandonment of the game. The offending team will also forfeit the game and the team and/or coach may be subject to disciplinary action.

2. Each coach should acquire their Referee Liaison before the scheduled kick-off time and have them introduce themselves to the referee before going to the spectator side.
3. Referee Liaison's must have their names and "RL" stated on the game sheet and be identifiable by wearing the yellow (or white) RL band on their arm.
4. Referee Liaison's will assist the referee when asked to do so. The Referee Liaison's job is to control the behavior of their own spectators, warning them politely to stop any misbehavior. They should not confront the spectators from the opposition, but submit a report to WYSA if they witness any serious improper conduct from them.
5. **The RL does not have any special privileges** regarding communication with the Referee.
6. Playing time will not be extended in order to acquire a Referee Liaison.
7. **Instructions to referees**

A referee may not start a match until both teams provide a Referee Liaison.

Teams have up to five (5) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time to provide a Referee Liaison.

If one team or neither team provides a Referee Liaison with-in the stipulated time allowed the referee will abandon the match and submit a report to WYSA. Unless there is a very good reason, as determined by WYSA, the non-complying team(s) will default the match.