



Helpful tips for referees working recreational games...

#1 – YES, you are the center referee! You are certified to work the game as the referee! Most clubs require only one referee for recreational games! You will recruit a volunteer from each team to help. These volunteers provide you assistance with in and out of play. Use the Volunteer Linesman Pocket Reference card provided for you for guidance. Referees are expected to have experience working recreational games as the center referee to help better prepare you for the competitive games. You must have the proper referee uniform and equipment to do your job. Referees are to have a set of flags, whistle, red/yellow cards, digital wrist watch at a minimum.

Keep in mind that the information **below are guidelines only** – please read the specific rules of competition for the club/league that you are assigned to work. Rules of competition are found at

<http://www.playthewhistle.com/game-day/>

Age Group	Length of Game	Half-time	Ball	Notes
U7/8	2 x 20 minutes	5 min	Size 3	Yes goalkeepers, No offside, Indirect free kicks, no penalty kicks
U9/10 (REC & INT)	2 x 25 minutes	5 min	Size 4	Yes goalkeepers, yes offside, yes penalty kicks
U11/12	2 x 30 minutes	5 min	Size 4	Length of game exception – Pride Soccer Club
U13/14	2 x 35 minutes	5 min	Size 5	Length of game exception – Pride Soccer Club
U15/16/17/18 Metro League	2 x 40 minutes	5 min	Size 5	8 v 8, yes goalkeepers, yes offside

Game Day Guidelines:

- Arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to kickoff
- Inspect field for safety issues, goals must be anchored
- Recruit your volunteer linesman, instruct them on their duties during the game (refer to Pocket Reference for Volunteers)
- Team check-in
 - Teams will have rosters, not all recreational teams will have player passes. Players are to be named on the roster.
 - Check players equipment, shinguards are required. Players must remove any dangerous equipment. (ie: no jewelry, no hard baretts, bobby pins, casts must be covered/protected)
- Home team provides the game ball

Substitutions:

Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions at any stoppage in play for “in-house” (within own club Example – Pride vs Pride, Real v Real) games. REC & INT games will play by CSA youth substitutions.

Game Reports/Referee Payment:

Referees must report the game in GameOfficials.net within 24 hours of the game. Log in to GameOfficials.net, click After Games and follow the on screen information. Game reporting is the final step of your job. Referees who do not submit game scores/reports will not be paid.

Referee payment for recreational games is the responsibility of the home club. Referees who report games in GameOfficials in a timely fashion will receive payment from the home club, via GOPay at the next payday. Recreational leagues pay once a month.

For League Rules of Competition visit the appropriate website:

www.gameofficials.net – News/Info

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