

RIVER VALLEY SOCCER CLUB REFEREES

Uniform Requirements

- Black shirts or the Club has referee shirts that can be borrowed for the season. They need to be signed out and returned at the same time as your request for payment forms. If they are not returned at this time, the cost of the shirt will be deducted from the referee's pay.
- Black shorts and socks
- Watch
- Loud Whistle

If you look like a referee, you will find that you command more respect.

Procedure

- Bring both teams to center for equipment check (no jewelry, goalie in different colored shirt, etc.) Remember shin guards are a must, special shoes are not. Shin guards must be covered by socks (let the child play, but instruct they need to wear socks as a safety issue).
- Try to find a parent to line each side and/or ask the coaches.
- Know the rules for each age group, including length of the game.
- **BLOW THE WHISTLE LOUDLY!**
- Running time – this means you do not stop the clock for substitutions, after goals, out of bounds, etc.
- No red cards for U10 and below age level. Let the coach know and they will handle language and other problems.
- Do not keep score for U10 and below.
- Substitution – if one team subs, the other team may also. They may not sub on the other team's throw-in if the other team is not subbing. Know when teams can sub!
- U12/U15 center will call offsides unless you have two sideline helpers who are familiar with the rule and can call this.
- Be at the games at least 15 minutes early. Kids and parents are counting on you. Be responsible! Stay until both teams show up, or at least 20 minutes after scheduled game time.
- 10 Goal rule - if a team is losing by 10 goals, the losing coach can decide to conclude the game. If one team is up by 9 goals, you should remind coaches of this rule.

Pay

You must complete the forms in order to get paid. At season end, bring the forms to the Referee/Rules Coordinator, along with your borrowed Referee shirt. A check will be issued for the total. If the referee shirt is not returned at this time, the cost of the shirt will be deducted from the referee's pay. To be paid, all forms must be turned in **NO LATER THAN:**

- **NOVEMBER 10** for Fall Season games
- **JUNE 10** for Spring season games

Schedule Conflicts

Use the referee list to find a replacement. Call the Referee/Rules Coordinator as a last resort. You will get yelled at. Referees cannot make everyone happy. Just do your best and make safety a priority, especially to protect the goalie.