

# **OBSL Referee HANDBOOK**

## **Expectations:**

Being a referee for OBSL is a responsibility and you are expected to behave professionally.

You are expected to familiarize yourself with all of the rules and procedures found in the OBSL Rec. Coaches Handbook.

All referees are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to game time for all assignments. If you are not able to attend or must cancel, you must contact the referee assignor ASAP, to give the league time to find a replacement. A no call, no show is not acceptable. If you are a no call no show you will be removed from the rotation for the season.

## **Uniform Policy:**

You are expected to be in full Referee Uniform-

- Yellow referee shirt **with current year's referee patch**
- All black referee shorts. (In inclement weather, black long pants may replace shorts; jackets or dark sweatshirts may be worn upon approval of assignor)
- Black referee socks with white stripe; they must be pulled up at all times.
- An all black hat is acceptable in inclement weather or for bright sun. Sunglasses are not to be worn.

You are expected to be prepared with

- a whistle
- stopwatch
- standard watch
- pen or pencil
- flags (yellow and red)
- yellow and red penalty cards.

If you arrive for an assignment and are not in proper uniform you will receive your first verbal warning. You will receive a second verbal warning if this occurs again and on the third time the uniform policy is not followed you will be removed from the rotation for three(3) weeks. If for whatever reason you cannot adhere to the uniform policy it is your responsibility to contact the referee assignor and discuss the issue.

You are expected to maintain to the predetermined game time table to the best of your ability. The schedules are designed to maintain a flow of athletes and traffic that suits the needs of OBSL best.

## **Assignment Guidelines:**

The following is a basic guideline for how games are assigned.

U-5 U-6	novice referees and mentors	Grade 9
U-7 U-8	standard referees	Grade 8 or 9
U-10	standard referees	Grade 8 or 9
U-13	Center: senior referee	Grade 8 min. age 16
	AR : senior referee	Grade 8 or 9 min. age 16
3M HS	Center: ADULT	Grade 8
	AR: senior referee	Grade 8 min.

### **A senior referee is defined as meeting all the qualifications listed below:**

- Minimum 16years old
- Reliable referee for a minimum of three (3) years
- Have an active participation in any OBSL soccer program

\*\*Upon a senior referee meeting the qualifications of an adult referee he or she will be transferred to the adult list and assigned as such.

### **An adult referee is defined as meeting the qualifications listed below:**

- Twenty (20) years old or completion of first (1<sup>st</sup>) year of college.
- Reliable referee for a minimum of three (3) years prior or recommended by the MOSA assignor for the area.

## **Game fees and format:**

### **Referee Compensation (Per Game):**

Age Group	Center Referee	Linesman	Format	Duration
U4	\$10	NA		
U5	\$10	NA	5v5 no goal keeper	4- 10 minute Quarters
U6	\$10	NA	6v6 w/goal keeper	4 -10 minute Quarters
U7	\$20	\$10	8V8	20 minute halves
U8	\$20	\$10	8v8	20 minute halves
U10	\$20	\$10	8v8	25 minute halves
U13	\$36	\$18	11v11	35 minute halves
3M HS	\$40	\$20	11v11	40 minute halves

## **Game Assignment Procedures:**

- Referees for 1st games of the day are responsible to set up corner flags, first aid kits and the AED. Flags are in equipment shed. Referees for last games are responsible for taking down the flags, first aid kits and AED and re-placing them in the equipment shed concession stand

-Check Goal Area for Safety- Prior to the start of the game you must ensure the goal area is safe. There must be sandbags on each side of the goal. If there is not, do not start the game and look for an OBSL director to assist you in getting sandbags and making the goal area safe.

-Enforce areas- where players, coaches and spectators are expected to stand.

- Fill out the game card- with team names, colors, referee name and assistant referee names. You must keep an accurate count of the score. After the game, you need to tally the score and have each coach sign the card. The card must be returned before you leave to the referee assignor or the game card box in the trailer.

-Inspect the teams- before game time you must check in each team. Blow your whistle to call each team to a line. You are checking for the following-

- Players are wearing cleats. Non-metal. Sneakers are permissible.
- No Jewelry- no earrings, rings, beads, necklaces, bracelets. Medical alert bracelets are accepted but they must be taped to the wrist.
- Each player must wear shin guards and they must be covered with their socks.
- The game ball must be safe with a 1/2 inch of compression when squeezed with the thumbs.
- Arm casts: soft only, as long as no sharp or metal instruments attached, hard casts no play even w/bubble wrap

- Start the game- Blow your whistle to call the teams on to the fields for kick off, allow time for them to set up, and then count the players to make sure there are enough players and not too many players.

- Give clear, loud instructions with your whistle- unless you blow the whistle loudly, players will not know when to stop. Use your whistle to notify everyone when the game starts and stops as well as when you need the attention of everyone involved.

-Instruct with your hands and arms- pointing, showing which way a throw-in or kick must go, notifying the coach when they can substitute.

-Do not allow players to bump, push, raise their arms up to block the ball, pull on shirts, or hit another player. No player or coach is permitted to use offensive language. If the player continues this behavior, after being warned, the coach should be asked to remove the player from the field. If this behavior is from a coach, please get a director immediately.

- Throw ins- Encourage players to keep their feet on the ground and throw the ball evenly from behind their heads.

-Injured players may have their coach come get them off the field and should be removed from the field to allow play to resume. The coach may send in a substitution for the injured player.

-When the game is over, shake the hands of each coach and have each coach sign the game card. Please hand in the card or place it in the trailer game card box.

-Remember that you are in charge of the game, not the coaches. You keep the time, make the decisions and must be polite, calm and clear in your decisions.

**- If you have any problems, please contact any of the board members on-site before, during or after the game. Do not confront any coach or parent in a criticizing manner. Please contact a board member if you feel either a law was not applied correctly, if the coach is not clear on a law, or the coach did not promote a safe and fun environment.**