

# Referee Instructions

When you arrive at Muhl Park to referee your games:

1. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to game time.
2. Go to appropriate field. Meet up with other referee and decide how you are working the field. For example, you might decide on a referee on each side.
3. Complete Referee Payment Form with other referee and both coaches
4. Check the goals to make sure that they are secured – complete Goal Inspection Report.
5. Check players in about 5 minutes before game time. Have each referee check in a team.
6. Check the goalie shirts. Make sure that they are a different color than all the other players.
7. Get game ball from home team
8. Let each coach know that you are ready to start the game.
9. Move to the center of the field and place the ball to start the game.
10. Count players on the field. Make sure there are equal players on both sides (4 field players and 1 goal keeper).
11. Start your watch to begin timing the period (both refs should do this for backup)
12. Blow whistle to start game.
13. For any game day issues please see In-house Director, U7/U8 commissioners and/or a member of the ref/coaching team that is on the premise.

Reminders to Referees:

- ✓ **Blow your whistle loud.** Coaches and Players like to hear it.
- ✓ **Keep control of the game.** Watch for pushing and grabbing. Warn players if they continue.
- ✓ **Instruct players.** Some players have never played or just forgot how to play. Remind them how to do a throw-in. When the ball goes out, say whose ball it is and point them in the right direction.
- ✓ **Protect the Goalie.** If the goalie is reaching for the ball and a player is still kicking, blow your whistle. The kids don't realize they could hurt the goalie.
- ✓ **Remember it is for fun.** Let the players enjoy the game.