



- Referees are provided in 2 divisions. Division 5 is for 3rd through 5th grade. Division 4 is for 6th through 8th grade. There will be make-up games during the week in cases of rain on Saturday or if a game is postponed by one of the coaches.
- The current games fees are \$15.00 per game for division 4 and \$10.00 per game for divisions 5 paid in cash the day of the games. Payments are disbursed at the concession stand.
- You will be asked for availability weekly. Schedules to be distributed via email on Tuesdays. You must confirm your assigned games within 24 hours.
- If you are scheduled to work and something comes up contact me immediately so a replacement can be arranged. If it is within 48 hours, email AND call.
- If you are available and reliable, you will be assigned games.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Sideline flags (provided by MOSC)
- Referee shirt (provided by MOSC)
- A whistle (provided by you)
- A stopwatch or watch to keep time of the game (provided by you)
- Black shorts preferred, black socks (provided by you). You can use your MOSC uniform shorts if desired.
- Wear your soccer shoes or cleats. No baseball hats should be worn.

KNOW THE RULES

- It is important that you review the rules of soccer. The most important rules for these types of games that you must understand are: kick-offs, throw-ins, corner kicks, goal kicks, substitutions, and restarts. If you make a mistake, don't dwell on it, play on.
- Do not allow anyone to hang around behind the goal.
- See any board member if you encounter any problems. Report all unacceptable behavior by players, coaches and parents to me and I will follow up on it.
- Be respectful and polite. Do not get into confrontations with coaches, spectators, players, or parents. I will support you unless you give me a reason not to.
- You can explain a call or a rule to a coach, just make it brief and non confrontational.

START OF THE GAME

- Be on time; start on time
- Keep the games moving
- Walk the field prior to the start of the game to ensure that there are no large rocks, broken glass, holes etc...
- No parents are allowed inside of fence except those that are helping on the sideline.
- Any questions on a rule, ask me before, during or after the game. If I am not available, do what you think is right, then check with me after your game to clarify. Do not ask the coaches. We will keep the rules consistent with FIFA and Mt. Olive Soccer modifications.
- Make sure the goals are properly secured/anchored (this is the responsibility of the coach). The goals should be anchored with stakes and not just sandbags.
- Make sure the lines are visible on the field (this is the responsibility of the first game's home team coach). If the lines are in need of painting, play the game and let me know about it so it doesn't happen again.

CHECKING THE TEAMS

- Each player must be checked before the start of the game.
- Each player must have shin guards covered by socks (not socks covered by shin guards).
- No metal hair barrettes
- No metal spikes and no baseball cleats.
- No jewelry
- Encourage all players to tuck in their jerseys
- Goalkeeper must wear something to distinguish him/herself from the field players. It can be a formal goalkeeper shirt or pinnie.
- Obtain a ball from the home team, call for the captains and administer the coin toss. Whichever team wins the coin toss must select choice of field and the loser gets the kickoff in the first half.
- Vocalize your calls so the players and coaches know what you have ruled. They do not know the hand signals very well. Point in the direction the ball is going and state: "Green throw" or "White kick". Help get the restart going.
- Blow the whistle with authority and confidence.
- To keep the games on time, no injury time is required to be added. You can add time at your discretion if necessary

THE GAME BASICS

- No penalty kicks in Divisions 5.
- No direct kicks in the penalty area for Divisions 5. Bring the ball to the closest point outside the penalty area and restart from there.
- Substitutions: unlimited number of players at these times:

Prior to a throw-in for team in possession

Prior to any goal kick

After a goal by either team

After an injury

- No substitutions during corner kicks
 - Offsides must be called in Divisions 4 and 5.
 - The ball is out of bounds when the entire ball crosses over the sideline or goal line.
 - If the ball goes out of bounds and you are not sure who last touched it, do a drop ball 5 feet inside the field from where the ball went out.
 - A minimum of 5 minutes must be given for half time
 - Move around the field with play so you are in a good position to make a call.
 - Change field ends at half time
 - Be decisive and stick to FIFA and Mt. Olive Recreation rules. It is important that the Recreation players learn the rules and there is consistency in our officiating.
 - Time of games:
 - Division 5 – Two 25 minute halves
 - Division 4 – Two 30 minute halves

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