



Mount Olive Soccer Referee Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION

- We will be refereeing games in three divisions. There will be plenty of games to go around. You will not work every weekend. 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 salary structure is \$15.00 per game for division 4 and \$10.00 per game for divisions 5 and 6, paid in cash the day of the games. You can pick up your payment at the concession stand.
- You must be able to work two to three game series.
- Let me know any weekends that you are unavailable.
- If you are scheduled to work and something comes up, call me ASAP, so I can get someone else.
- Games go to those who readily accept them...be reliable and you will work more.

YOU NEED

- Sideline flags provided by MOSC
- A whistle (provided by you)
- A stopwatch or watch to keep running time of the game (you provide)
- Referee shirt (if you do not have one, there is a limited supply in the shed)
- Wear your soccer shoes or cleats

BE SMART

- ❖ It is important that you review the rules of soccer. Don't worry about memorizing every little detail. Just be aware of the rules for kick-offs, throw-ins, corner kicks, goal kicks, substitutions, and re-starts. If you make a mistake, 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 POLITE! Do not get into confrontations with coaches, spectators, players, or parents. I will stick up for you, but will not apologize for you.
- ❖ You probably know the soccer rules better than the coaches, especially the coaches in the younger divisions who haven't coached very long. If need be, you can explain certain rules to the coaches (hand ball, offside).

START OF THE GAME

- ✓ Walk the field prior to the start of the game to ensure that there are no large rocks, broken glass, etc...
- ✓ No Parents are allowed inside of fence.
- ✓ Be on time and keep the games moving.
- ✓ Any questions on a rule, ask me before the game. Do not ask the coaches, they will give you their version. We will keep the rules consistent with FIFA and Mt. Olive Soccer.
- ✓ Make sure the goals are properly secured (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).

CHECKING THE TEAMS

- ✓ Each player must have shin guards covered by socks (not socks covered by shin guards).
- ✓ No metal hair barrettes
- ✓ No metal spikes/soccer shoes & no baseball cleats.
- ✓ No jewelry
- ✓ Goalkeeper must wear proper goalkeeper shirt or pinnie so that you the ref can easily identify them.
- ✓ Find a good ball and place it in the center circle. Call for the captains and do the coin toss. Whichever team wins the coin toss gets choice of field and the loser gets the kickoff.
- ✓ Tell both coaches that you will be calling offside, bad restarts (goal kick, throw-ins), and then do it. Allow restarts, re-throws, and re-kicks in divisions 5 and 6. No offside in division 6.
- ✓ 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 yell "Green Throw"...."White".
- ✓ Blow the whistle loud...that is why you have one.
- ✓ Any stoppage time for injuries is determined by you, but not necessary.

THE GAME

- No penalty kicks in Divisions 5 and 6.
- No direct kicks in the penalty area for Divisions 5 and 6.
- Bring the ball outside the penalty area and restart from there.
- Substitutions: Unlimited number of players
 Prior to a throw-in in your favor
 Prior to any goal kick
 After a goal by either team
 After an injury
 No substitutions during corner kicks
- Hand Ball: Did the ball touch the player or did the player touch the ball?
- Do not allow “goal hangers”...give a warning to the coach to move the player. Let the coaches know that if the ball goes to them, it is a blatant offside.
- Do call offside 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, but be aware of when the next game starts.
- FIFA rules state that the referee is suppose to be within 10 yards of the ball at all times. Use your best judgment, but do not try to make the calls from the opposite end of the field.
- Change sides at half time so one team does not gain an unfair advantage...running downhill all game.
- Be decisive and stick to FIFA and Mt. Olive Recreation rules as closely as you can. It is important that the Recreation players learn the rules and there is consistency in our refereeing.

Division 6 – Four 12 minute quarters
Division 5 – Two 25 minute halves
Division 4 – Two 30 minute halves

BLOW THE WHISTLE LOUDLY AND HAVE FUN!!!

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