

Game Day Expectations

- Write down or print your ref assignments. A copy of the schedule may not be available at the concession stand. Be proactive and have your schedule with you.
- You are expected to be at the field **30 minutes** before the game.
 - We realize that may not be possible if you are changing fields, but please make every effort to get there a minimum of 15 minutes before the scheduled start. This pre-game time is needed to check players' equipment and cover all pre-game communication.
- Equipment required for Assistant Referees
 - Flags
 - Should wear a watch and bring a pen & paper to keep score and a backup game record.
 - Should also have a whistle in case you have to take over for the Center Referee.
- We expect all referees to be in proper uniform. You should look neat and professional
 - Socks pulled up; shirt tucked in
 - Solid black shorts (no white stripes)
 - Gold jersey with black pinstripes (alternate jerseys are black with white pinstripes, red with black pinstripes, blue with black pinstripes)
 - Black shoes (turf shoes or cleats recommended) – No white running shoes
 - Black socks with 3 white stripes at the top
- A pre-game discussion between the Center and his/her Assistants should always take place.
 - At the Rec level, it is **STRONGLY** recommended that the Center have a pre-game discussion with each team and the respective coach. Go over length of halves, substitutions and a brief discussion of what you expect from the players with regard to acceptable physical play sportsmanship.
 - At U10 we urge referees to have a pre-game with the parents also. Remember, it is part of our mission to educate and a short discussion of handball or offside will not only help them enjoy the game, but make your job easier also.
- Wait at least 15 minutes beyond the start time before calling a forfeit
 - ...particularly if a team is waiting for players to arrive; and sometimes teams may be coming from one field to another due to a late field change.
- Complete all the information on the game card. Many that do not list the field or date of the game. Be sure all 3 officials sign the card (legibly!).
- Center Ref must enter the game scores and report any changes in Game Officials.