



# Referee Goals For Mentors



## Level 5

### Professional Conduct:

- Professional Dress- Neatly dressed in approved uniform (no soccer shorts, hats, sunglasses, proper T-shirt if worn, no slide pants exposed, and polished shoes, etc.).
- All officials come prepared to focus on match at all times.
- Arrives at field 45 minutes before match.
- At least 15 minutes before match introduces him/herself to coaches and checks in players.
- Starts game on time or as soon as field is available.
- The referee does pregame and walks field with referee crew.
- The referee team avoids socializing with coaches, players, parents and referees.
- The referee starts each period with assistant referee running to net and inspecting it and finishes with assistants running to referee for walk off.
- The referee instructs coaches in substitution procedure and procedure to be used when injury to a player occurs on the field.
- Referee team uses clear and concise whistle and signals.
- The referee team always appears fair, honest, and neutral in all judgments.
- The officials investigate team standings prior to match and knows the importance of the match.

### Field Conduct:

- Locates referee area away from fans and coaches and goes to area promptly between periods.
- The referee team conducts match in accordance with the "Guide to Procedures for Referees, Assistant Referees, and Fourth Officials".
- The referee makes regular eye contact with assistants during dynamic play and stoppages in play.
- The referee appears composed, confident, and is respectful towards players and coaches.
- The referee moves up and down the field with play and positions himself so the ball is between himself and the assistant referee.
- *The referee anticipates play and positions accordingly.*
- *The referee varies his running speed to keep with play within sprinting distance and recovers quickly to the next position during the entire match.*
- The referee uses the whistle in a timely manor and promptly indicates infractions.
- The referee team shows the courage to deal with foul play, misconduct, and to indicate penalty kicks.
- The referee team sets the wall and prevents encroachment on ceremonial restarts.
- The referee team recognizes quickly an injured player and judges whether play should be stopped immediately.
- The referee avoids verbal responses that could lead to dissent.

## **Game Conduct:**

- Officials demonstrate knowledge of the Laws of the Game and punishes misconduct.
- Officials recognize first infraction when indicating unsafe and unfair play.
- Officials appear composed, fair, and firm; and consistent in their calls as a team regardless of area of the field.
- The referee team demonstrates correct positioning during dynamic and set plays and locates themselves on the field based on how he anticipates how play will move.
- The referee team recognizes “careless play” as required by the Laws of the Game.
- Referee team recognizes “reckless play” and sends off players as required by the Laws of the Game.
- Assistant referees maintain precise alignment with second to last defender and follow all balls to goal line.
- Referee recognizes a quick kick opportunity and allows the play to continue.

## **Game Management:**

- The referee team becomes an advocate of fair and safe play.
- The referee teams sets standard of conduct and fair play early in match and maintains control through the game.
- The referee team recognizes the first tactical foul takes quick action to discourage this type of conduct.
- The referee team recognizes the potential of persistent infringement and takes quick action to discourage this type of conduct.
- The referee quickly identifies players who physically or verbally taunt their opponents and discourages this type of conduct.
- The referee recognizes advantage situations that involve more than one attacker, has the patience to let play mature before showing advantage or stopping play for a free kick.
- Adjust physical expenditure to assure mental alertness; concentration - always a reserve at the end of the match.
- Enjoy game; composure in the heat of battle; team does not become unraveled.
- Calls Fouls consistently on the pitch, even in the Penalty area.
- Team does not over react to players appeals. Consistent
- Team’s wall management is always 10 yds. Referee uses three step process in player management.
- Consistent with being at the landing zone. Keeps AR in sight at all times to view off-side infringements.
- Always punishes Major Fouls, not time dependent, never sacrifice control to “advantage.”
- In dealing with misconduct, dissent, serious foul play, and violent conduct show consistency through out the match, showing game and player control.

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