



Referee Goals For Mentors



Level 7

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 on occasion anticipates play and positions accordingly.
- *The referee sprints to keep with play 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 recognizes quickly an injured player and judges whether play should be stopped immediately.
- *The referee is consistent in his decisions.*

Game Conduct:

- Officials demonstrate knowledge of the laws on the game and punish 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 referee maintain precise alignment with second to last defender and follows 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 tactical fouls and persistent infringement.
- The referee displays some level of man management skills.
- The referee recognizes clear advantage situations, applies advantage but never sacrifices control.

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