



SOCCER REFEREES 101



* If you show the card, you must do the paperwork! The paperwork is as much a part of the game as calling fouls. Team, coach, and player discipline cannot be done properly unless you turn in a USSF REFEREE REPORT promptly and correctly stapled to game cards.

This form can be picked up at office @ Mueller or on www.sccra.net

WHY BOTHER? WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REFEREE REPORT?

- 1) You, as the referee, are empowered by Law V to take disciplinary action against players guilty of cautionable and sending-off offences. Further, you are empowered to take action against team coach(s) who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. However, you are also required to provide the appropriate authorities with a match report which includes information on ANY disciplinary action taken against players and/or team officials and any other incidents which occurred before, during or after the match.
- 2) The appropriate league or association judicial committee will review your written report and allow player/coach comment on their actions.
- 3) Sanctions (possible game suspensions) are levied against the player/coach and/or team, and the reputation of the game is maintained (or not) **SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF YOUR WRITTEN REPORT!**
- 4) Yellow and red cards "add up" against a player and team. Using cards to control a game and failing to turn in the appropriate paperwork allows players and/or teams to develop a pattern of misconduct without any disciplinary action being taken. Do your fellow referees a favor and do the paperwork.

Back side of game cards

The back side of the game card must be filled out for each game.

WHY BOTHER? WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GAME CARDS?

- 1) Every Monday we review all games cards front and back. All your comments, concerns, problems are then addressed.
- 2) *What about the screaming parents and/or coaches?* It is unfortunate that some spectators and/or coaches get out of hand. Remember that there are many factors involved in their behavior—work problems, family problems, and life problems. Don't take any criticism personally. Youth sports referees have an enormously high turnover rate—we all need to work together to remedy the problems with overly anxious spectators/coaches—and there are Zero Tolerance rules for the referee to deal with this situation if required. Please write a report if parents and/or coaches get out of hand before, during or after the match.
- 3) Field conditions—let us know if there are problems!
- 4) **Remarks:** If there are not any problems just write NO PROBLEMS, OK, GOOD GAME. Otherwise let us know POOR COACHING FROM BLUE TEAM, NO CORNER FLAGS, NO ID CARDS, POOR SPORTSMANSHIP RED TEAM.

URGENT!
**ALL COMPETITIVE TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT PLAYER ID'S
TO THE REFEREE AT THE START OF EACH GAME**

The referee must *inspect and check* competitive ID cards at the start of each game. Each player's card states player name and the appropriate team name and number they are on.

We recommend checking cards at the same time as the inspection of player's equipment, have all players line up and inspect equipment. Then with the id cards in hand call out the name on each player card and have that player move from the line and stand behind you. Those players that do not have ID cards at the field must be indicated on game card.

If the entire team does not have ID cards you must make a written report on back of game card and possible game suspensions by the SCCYSA LEAGUE are levied against the team, and is maintained SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF YOUR WRITTEN REPORT! **A REFEREE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CANCEL A GAME DUE TO LACK OF ID CARDS!!!**

After the cards are checked GIVE BACK TO THE COACH IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT KEEP THE CARDS

MANDATORY MONTHLY REFEREE MEETINGS

TO ALL REFEREES! The next meeting is March 25, 2009 at the St. Peters Senior Citizen Center. 7:00pm till 9:00pm. Remember you are required to attend 5 hours of referee meetings each season to retain your license certification. Check www.sccysa.org then click on Referee for calendar.

Referee monthly meetings are done to keep up with the changes in the rules and to learn from other referees and it is a time when referees can ask questions. We will go over any problems we are having out on the field

Professionalism:

Appearance & a friendly attitude are important in professionalism. A neat and clean appearance may not be the coolest, but the coaches are going to take notice!!! If you start out the game by introducing yourself to the coaches and administering an attentive pre-game equipment check, we have observed the coaches being less critical throughout the game.

Board members are always at the fields, please take their advice as they are there to help you out and make sure that you are representing SCCYSA and presenting yourself in a positive manner.

What uniform is required?

The basic uniform ***required*** of all referees is:

- Shorts (black referee shorts, not soccer shorts)
- Referee Jersey - ***TUCKED IN!*** (yellow with black stripes)
- Referee 3 stripe Socks
- ***Black*** shoes
- Current Badge