

# Important Stuff

This document will attempt to describe all that you need to know for the first two tournaments.

**Arrival:** You need to arrive at the Referee Area (located on the east side of Field 15) at least **30** minutes before your first game or you risk losing it. **Parking** is on the hill on the eastside of the complex and is free (just display your referee badge). **Traffic** is a nightmare and will be worse because all games start at the **same times**. Give yourself at least 15 minutes to get from Willows Road or 124<sup>th</sup> or hwy 202 to the parking lot.

**Checkin:** You will check in with the Field Assignor who will mark your presence on the Assignment sheet. If you have two games close in time note that to the Assignor so you don't get replaced on your subsequent game.

**Dispatch:** You will be sent to your field as a CREW of **3** unless one of your crew is already checked in for a prior game, in which case you will meet them at the field. The center referee (**CR**) will be given **3** vouchers for payment. The CREW is not to leave until the Field Assignor takes note of their departure.

**Field Marshall:** You will need to make contact with the Field Marshall for your assigned field. You will get a game ball and a scorecard. You need to make sure that you return the game ball after the game or you will pay for its replacement. The Field Marshalls are Tournament officials and not Referees.

**Game:** You will then perform a flawless game; but if flawed you will report all Misconducts to the Field Marshall after the game. Give the Field Marshall your game ball (see note above) and your scorecard, complete with both coaches signature, signifying that they agree with the score. Check with your AR's to insure you **DO NOT TRANSPOSE** the score. Note jersey color next to each teams name and make a point to the coaches how important it is for you to get this right.

**Post Game:** Give each member of the crew their Payment Voucher. Proceed to your subsequent game if you have already checked in at the Referee Area or return to the Referee Area. Provide any significant details to the Field Assignor that they may need to note and provide them with the Score, # of Misconducts issued, and for elimination games whether or not it went to **Overtime and or KftPM**.

**Payment:** This is a **ONE TIME EVENT**. As you do games in the tournament you will receive a Payment Voucher which details the game you did and the payment due. After the very **last game in the TOURNAMENT (for you)** approach the Field Assignor (during a non-busy time), after having **added up** your vouchers, and they will write you a check and you will turn over the vouchers to them for our records.

**Food:** Unlike past years there will be no food provided in the Referee Area (something about health codes). However, if you do **3** games the tournament will provide you with **\$5** to help with buying lunch at the vendor area; only one per day and only for Saturday and Sunday. It is recommended that you bring a water bottle, as we will have a water buffalo at the Referee Area. You should also consider bringing food of your own since we don't know the quality of the vendor food.

**Weather:** If it is hot you will need sunscreen and need to drink lots of water; if cold you will need warm-ups and other items necessary to keep warm; if rainy you will need protection.

**Referee Gear:** Please wear Referee Shorts or a least all black; black Referee socks; black shoes; and at a minimum a yellow Referee Jersey. It is permissible for the AR's to **not match** the Center Referee should the crew not have sufficient matching jerseys; and it may be appropriate for the Center Referee to **not** wear yellow.

**Rules:** I have put the Tournament Rules in a separate document. Please Review, especially the issues of **Playing times (normal youth times) and unlike the past two tournaments there will be a coin flip.**

**Decorum:** It is important that, at all times, we (the Referees) take the **high road** with respect to Players, Coaches and Fans. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will unprofessional behavior be tolerated by any Referee and any such behavior will result in their immediate dismissal from the tournament. As noted in the rules there are proper (professional) methods to deal with misbehaving Players, Coaches and Fans. Per rules the Coach is responsible for his fans and you need to leverage this before the problem gets out of hand. If you act professionally and issue Misconducts the tournament committee can do their part. And if you don't then you handcuff them and will not get the satisfaction that you may well deserve.

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