

Downsview Soccer League

Instructions for Match Officials

(Outdoor Men's League at Downsview Park)

- 1) Please check in with the league's convener upon arrival, at least 15 minutes prior to kickoff.
- 2) The Downsview Soccer League follows the Laws of the Game as established by the International Football Association Board and recognized by FIFA. All play in the Downsview Soccer League (DSL) shall be according to the Laws of the Game as adapted by Ontario Soccer (OS) and DSL.
- 3) DSL Rules and Regulations can be found [here](#). Please read and study these carefully.
- 4) **NO METAL CLEATS.** Referees must enforce this rule strictly – players wearing metal cleats are **NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY!**
- 5) Substitutions can be made at any time during the game; the game cannot be delayed for the substitution.
- 6) All games are 2x45 minute halves, with a 5 minute interval.
- 7) Games must start on time. If the game is delayed for whatever reason and time will encroach in the next game, the referee must reduce the time of the halves so the game finishes 5 minutes before the next game.
- 8) Game fees are \$60.00 for referee and \$40.00 for each assistant game, paid 50/50 by each team.
- 9) If the game is not started for whatever reason, the referee does not get paid and must file a Special Incident Report to claim any fees due.
- 10) Upon completion of the game, completed game sheets (**ALL FIELDS MUST BE FILED**) are to be given to the league convener, along with any disciplinary reports. If additional time is needed to complete Dismissal, Special Incident, Assault reports, you can hold on to the report(s), but the referee must forward reports to the league within 24 hours (failure to do this will result in disciplinary action). If no league convener is present, please leave the game sheets and reports at the Hangar Customer Service Desk.
- 11) After the game the referee must update score in RefCentre within 24 hours. Please remember that if a game is not played, or is abandoned, NO SCORE should be recorded.
- 12) The League has zero tolerance for bad behaviour for all participants. Any person who fails to act in a responsible manner may be expelled from the premises.
- 13) **PROFESSIONALISM** – A high degree of professionalism is demanded from all referees. Lack of knowledge of the Laws of the Game or rules of the competition, late arrivals, no-shows, poor fitness, not wearing the proper referee uniform and badge, failure to carry out the required administrative duties, lack of empathy for the game, or any breach of the [Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct for Match Officials](#) may be cause for disciplinary action and/or removal from the list of active referees.

For further information please go to the league website at www.nysoccer.ca and click the DSL Outdoor Men's League tab.