



The Midland Soccer Club

Referee Orientation



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- **MSC's Referee Development Committee (RDC)**
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Agenda – New Referees



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Referee's Responsibilities

Be Prepared For The Game:

Know The Game Rules !!

- Don't make things up
- If you are working with others, ask them.



Game Rules & Resources



- Midland Soccer Club Recreational Rules
 - http://www.midlandsoccerclub.com/RecSoccer/RecRules/index_E.html
 - Mid-Michigan Youth Soccer League
 - <http://www.mmysl.net>
 - Michigan State Premier Soccer League
 - <http://www.mspsl.org>
 - Michigan State Youth Soccer Association
 - <http://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/>
 - Three 3-ring binders of rules* for:
 - MSC Recreational Games for all age groups
 - Mid-MI, DA & WSSL Games
 - MSPSL Games (Premier)
 - State Cup Games
- Or...
- Ask the referee assignor
 - Ask a MSC Board Member on duty
 - Ask a RDC Member
 - Ask a more experienced referee near by
- Don't just make it up!**

* Located in the referee lounge (401), and MSC office (901)



Cheat Sheets – The Basics

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2010 Referees Recreational Rules Guidelines

	U-5	U-6	U-7	U-8
Time	4 quarters: 6 min.	4 quarters: 10 min.	2 halves: 20 min.	2 halves: 20 min.
Ball	Size 3	Size 3	Size 3	Size 3
Players	5 with no goalkeeper	5 with no goalkeeper	6 including goalkeeper	6 including goalkeeper
Score	None	None	Record on game Report	
Fouls	All fouls are direct kicks, no indirect. No PKs, no throw ins, no A, no kick taken @ top of A			
Subs	Only at quarters	Only at quarters	Unlimited	Unlimited
Offside	None	None	None	None
Slide	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Tackles				

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2010 Referees Recreational Rules Guidelines

	U-10	U-12	U-14	U-19
Time	2 halves: 25 min.	2 halves: 30 min.	2 halves: 35 min.	2 halves: 40 min.
Ball	Size 4	Size 4	Size 5	Size 5
Players	6 including goalkeeper	8 including goalkeeper	11 including goalkeeper	11 including goalkeeper
Score	RECORD ON GAME REPORT			
Fouls	Direct, indirect	Direct, indirect	Direct, indirect	Direct, indirect
Subs	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Offside	None	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slide	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Tackles				

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Laminated cards will be available in the Referee building (401) once the season starts.



Referee Equipment Starter kit



- **Have the right equipment when you show up for your game.**
- **Uniform**
- **Shorts (all black)**
- **Socks (3 white stripe)**
- **Whistle w/ lanyard**
- **Cards**
- **Referee wallet**
- **Game report pad**
- **Flag set**
- **Velcro for badge**



- **Some websites which offer referee kits**
- www.officialsports.com
- www.Walmart.com



Referee Equipment Completing the package

• Must haves

- Shoes (all black, mostly black)
- Coin (for coin toss)
- Watch (with a timer)
- Pencils/Pens (more than 1)



• Good idea to have

- Equipment bag
- Water bottle
- Clipboard
- Ziploc Bag
- Trash Bag
- To put equipment bag in when it rains (it will rain)



• Wish List (birthday, Xmas)

- Long sleeve uniform
- Thermal wear
- Alternate color uniform (red, black)



Referee's Responsibilities

- **Be Prepared For The Game: Know The Game Rules !!**
- **Arrive At The MSC 30 min Before Your First Game**
 - Sign-in at the MSC referee area (401 (old) building) – highlight your name
 - Confirm your field and start time on the posted schedule
- **Arrive At The Field 20 min Before Your Game**
 1. Check the field & nets and make sure there are corner flags
 - Goals anchored (can't tip over) and no holes in nets for ball to pass through
 2. Check-in the teams
 - Check for basic equipment (no jewelry)
 - **NO EARRINGS, NO METAL IN HAIR, NO EXCUSES!!!**
 3. Meet captains from both teams at the center circle
 - Perform coin toss (record results of who kicks off and what direction)
 - Get the game ball from the Home team
- **Start Your Game On Time !**



Referee's Responsibilities

- **Look & Act Professional**
 - Shirt is tucked in, socks are pulled up
 - Weather appropriate undergarments – Black; no hoods
- **At The Conclusion of the Game**
 - Record score, and note any serious injuries
 - Fill out forms properly and completely
 - Make sure your name is on the form (if you want to get paid) and have the coaches sign the sheet.
- **Deliver completed forms**
 - Inside 401 building (if open)
 - Large mailbox behind 401 building
 - Small green mailbox in front of 901 entrance (on pillar)



MSC's Game Report

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Team Line up and Official Referee Report

Top Section

Team # _____ Team Color _____ Coach _____

Present	Player Name	Goals	Caution **	Sent Off **
Coach				
Asst.				
Manager				

MISCONDUCTS

*** Please indicate by appropriate number*

**CAUTIONS
(Yellow Card)**

1. Unsporting behavior
2. Dissent
3. Persistent Infringement
4. Delay - Time Wasting
5. Failure to Respect Required Distance
6. Entering/Re-entering the Field Without Permission
7. Leaving the Field Without Permission

**SEND OFFS
(Red Card)**

1. Serious Foul Play
2. Violent Conduct
3. Spitting
4. Denial of an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity by Deliberately Handling the Ball
5. Denial of a Goal Scoring Opportunity by Foul
6. Abusive Language
7. Second Cautionable Offense

PLAYING TIMES

- U4-5...6 min quarter, 2 min break, no score, no ref
- U6...10 min quarter, 2 min break, no score, no ref
- U7...20 min halves, 5 min. half
- U8...20 min halves, 5 min. half
- U10...25 min halves, 5 min. half
- U12...30 min halves, 5-10 min. half
- U14...35 min halves, 5-10 min. half
- U19...45 min halves, 5-10 min. half

Please sign at the conclusion of the game. Verify the score being reported.

Coach's Signature: _____

Please report details of
misconduct, injuries, or special
circumstances on the back.



MSC's Game Report



Bottom Section

MIDLAND SOCCER CLUB REFEREE SCORE CARD

Date: _____ League U - _____ BOYS GIRLS

Time: _____ Field #: _____

Team #	Team Name	Goals

Referee: _____

Linesman: _____

Linesman: _____

Revised: 2/16/09

Complete this form and place in the Referee Drop Box

	best				worst
	5	4	3	2	1
Referee Feedback:					
Sportsmanship of the team:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sportsmanship of the coach:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was the coach overly loud?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was the coach respectful towards the referees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were the parents overly loud?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were the parents respectful towards the referees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Microsoft Word
Document

At the end of the game, fill out forms properly and completely

For recreational games: submit the game report sheets from each team



Review

- **Movement & Positioning**
 - Don't stand and watch; stay close to play, it sells your call....
 - Run with purpose and like you mean it
 - CR: Anticipate where the ball is going to be played and get into position
 - AR: Run all the way to the goal line; stay with the 2nd to last defender or the ball, whichever is closest to the goal
- **Talk / Communicate to Players**
 - After you blow the whistle, tell them what the call is.
 - You are teaching the players what you will and will not allow during the game
- **Game Mechanics – Center Referee**
 - Stop running, signal, then continue
 - When a goal is scored: Look at AR for signal, back away, & point to center circle.
 - Lazy S, not a straight line diagonal
- **Flag Mechanics – Assistant Referee**
 - General control
 - For substitutions
 - For fouls & misconduct
 - For ball out of play (throw-in, goal kick and corner kick)



Review (continued)

- **Foul Recognition and Restarts**
 - If it doesn't look right, it probably isn't... blow the whistle
 - **Direct Free Kicks (DFK):** 10 penal fouls – 9 against an opponent (kicking, tripping, jumping into, charging, hitting, pushing, tackling (makes contact with player before the ball), holding & spitting – handling (deliberate))
 - **Indirect Free Kicks (IFK):** 8 fouls (dangerous play, impeding progress, prevents GK releasing ball, commits any other offense
 - GK inside his own penalty area: GK pickup from own team passback, GK pickup from own team throw-in, GK controls ball >6 sec, GK 2nd touch with hands
- **Whistle communication**
 - When to use the whistle
 - Intensity (loudness), **do not be afraid to blow the whistle**
 - Length (duration)



Review (continued)

- Risk Management Verification (Travel Games)
 - The easy way: ensure that team officials have their Risk Mgmt Card, write number on game report, it can be shown on phone
 - If they cannot produce a RM card then that person is not to be located at the team bench. Note this on the game report...

Contact me if no one can produce a RM card

- Conflict or Problems during a game with a coach or parent?
 - Contact Tom Coatoam @ 928-5939
 - Send an email to msceref@gmail.com



**Soccer officiating is the only
position in which**

Perfect Judgement

is expected from the start

.....

with Steady Improvement thereafter.



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Recreational Game – Information

- For U8 games:
 - All free kicks will be DIRECT (6 yards away on restart)
 - Do not give yellow/red cards, talk to the coach
 - Ask them to substitute the player if they are out of control
 - NO Penalty Kicks
 - Fouls in Penalty area are restarted with a Direct Free Kick from the edge of the box closest to where the foul occurred.
 - Improper throw in
 - First time, blow whistle, allow a retake
 - Offer feedback on how to do a correct throw-in
 - » Both feet down, hands come over head in continuous motion
 - Second time incorrect, allow play to continue



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Recreational Game – Information

- For U8 games, continued
 - Build Out Line (BOL)
 - When GK has the ball, the defense must go behind the BOL
 - Cannot cross until the GK releases or plays the ball
 - On Goal Kick cannot advance until ball leaves penalty area
 - If defense crosses the line early, award free kick to offense
 - Goal Keeper – No Punting or Drop Kicks
 - Can Throw, Roll or Pass the ball
 - If GK punts or DKs, then free kick for defense at top of box
 - Offside: No Offside in U8



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Recreational Game – Information

- For U-10 games:
 - Opponents 8 yards away on DFK/IFK restarts
 - Penalty Kicks are allowed
 - Ball placed 8 yards from Goal Line.
 - Improper throw in
 - First time, blow whistle, allow a retake
 - Offer feedback on how to do a correct throw-in
 - » Both feet down
 - » Both hands coming overhead in continuous motion
 - Second time incorrect, award throw in to other team



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Recreational Game – Information

- For U10 games, continued
 - Build Out Line (BOL)
 - When GK has the ball, the defense must go behind the BOL
 - Cannot cross until the GK releases or plays the ball
 - On Goal Kick cannot advance until ball leaves penalty area
 - If defense crosses the line early, award free kick to offense
 - Players can be offside
 - Only between the BOL and the Goal Line
 - Assistant referees stops at the BOL, not the center line.
 - Goal Keeper – No Punting or Drop Kicks
 - Can Throw, Roll or Pass the ball
 - If GK punts or DKs, then free kick for defense at top of box



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Recreational Game – be prepared!!

- Basics – things which WILL occur in most U8 & 10 games
 - Coin toss: Winners choose direction of attack.
 - Throw ins, Goal Kicks, Corner Kicks
 - Know your mechanics for signaling
 - The referee will likely not blow their whistle loud enough.
 - Slide Tackles not permitted for U8-10, considered dangerous play
 - U8 – DFK
 - U10 - IFK
 - The ball must be all the way across a line to be out.
 - “Handball” – the ball hitting a hand is not a foul. Intentionally handling the ball is a foul. Was it avoidable for the player?
 - Players wearing earrings with tape over them
 - No jewelry, no excuses
 - “The last referee said it was OK”



Weather Policy

Midland Soccer Club Lightning Safety For Soccer Fields

IF YOU SEE IT (lightning), FLEE IT; IF YOU CAN HEAR IT (thunder), CLEAR IT.

Participants and spectators must seek shelter when 3 horn blasts are heard. You will be advised when you may return to the fields.

- DO** Go to your vehicle and take shelter with the windows rolled up.
- DO** Go inside the buildings at the complex (401 and 901).
- AVOID** Rain and sun shelters. These are not safe from lightning.
- AVOID** Going underneath trees. Trees “attract” lightning.
- AVOID** Metal fences, gates and tall light / power poles.



Miscellaneous Stuff

- Complete 1099 Form (for new referees)
 - Can be done first time you pick up a check from office
- Referee Game Fees - next slide
- Rec games, checks are issued twice per season
 - Dates TBD, will be communicated via Email and website
- If there is conflict with coaches or parents that you can't solve, at half time or the end of the game, call for help from the MSC office – there is a board member on staff during the weekend
 - On weekdays – Call Tom Coatoam @ 928-5939
 - Questions via email to Tom at msceref@gmail.com.



Recreational Game Fees FOR 2018 SEASON

Recreational Games

<u>Age</u>	<u>Game duration</u>	<u>CR / AR1/ AR2</u>
U7-U8	2 x 20 min halves	\$13
U9-U10	2 x 25 min halves	\$18/ \$10/ \$10
U12	2 x 30 min halves	\$22/ \$14/ \$14
U14	2 x 35 min halves	\$27.50/ \$17.50/ \$17.50
U15-19	2 x 40 min halves	\$37.50/ \$22.50 / \$22.50

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Work Permit for Minors

- State of Michigan requirement
- For referees that are under 18 as of 14 APR 12
 - Forms are available at your school, ask for a work permit form
 - Over 16 and Under 18 – Form CA-7
 - Under 16 – Form CA-6
 - Only need to fill out 1 time, good until you turn 18 or graduate
 - Needs to be completed before the start of the season
 - Form available, fill out Section I
 - MSC has already filled out Section II
 - Take to School, they fill out Section III
 - Return completed copy to MSC.



Summary

- Log onto GameOfficials (michiganrefs.gameofficials.net)
 - Review and Update your “Information”
 - Set your calendar for days and times you can work
- Accept or Decline your assigned games in a timely manner
 - You have only 2 days
 - Notify the MSC Assignor (Tom Coatoam) in an emergency
- Be Prepared... Know the League Rules!
- Complete and Submit Work Permit for Minors
- Complete YOUR Game Responsibilities
- Use the <http://www.midlandsoccerclub.org/referee> for information
- Attend one of the Referee Field Instruction Sessions
- When in doubt, ASK; We’re here to help you...