

Referee Expectations

***** Most importantly KNOW THE RULES *****

CENTER REFEREE – Recreation Games & Academy Games

1. Ensure you have reviewed the game rules for each age division
2. Arrive at the field 15 minutes before game time. For U6 arrive at scheduled time not 15 minutes before.
3. Conduct a pre-game check of player's equipment and goals with the coaches.
Obtain coach signature on game sheet.
4. Keep the games on schedule (start each game on time)
5. Dress appropriately. This includes an official referee jersey, black shorts/sweat pants and socks, and your current year referee patch. (In cold weather, layer under your official's jersey)
6. Be prepared. Bring all necessary equipment to games (whistle, timer or stopwatch, pen or pencil, watch and current season's recreation rules). **Be sure you KNOW these rules before you get to the field.
7. Referee to the age of the players.
8. Don't be afraid to blow your whistle. Always briefly explain why you called the foul. Make the proper hand signal for your call.

Recreation Program - 1st Grade to 8th Grade

Note the following rules with regard to recreation games for 1st grade through 8th grade. The rules are in place for the safety of the players.

1. Coach Identification

Coaches must present their **current** Coach ID pass (white Spring 2018). Only **registered** coaches can be on the sideline. (Two per team)

This is very important as all volunteer coaches **MUST BE REGISTERED** and undergo a background check. This is for the safety of the players.

What to do if a coach does not have his coaching pass - ask for ID and make note on your game sheet. Game may be played.

2. Game Sheets

Each coach will provide a game sheet. These must be turned in to the office on Monday. They can be emailed/faxed/dropped off. Pictures accepted. Score and other incidents should still be input in Arbiter.

Player Check in

(Note: Late additions to rosters may be written in. These will be cross checked on receipt of the game sheet. All equipment and uniform requirements apply to ALL players participating)

Verify equipment checked

Uniforms

A player must wear the full required uniform kit. Apart from this being the club uniform it also helps ensure only registered players are playing.

The required uniform kit:

- Navy Ela Jersey (home team)
- **LIGHT** Grey Ela Jersey (away team)
- Navy Shorts
- Navy Socks

What to do if not wearing the correct jerseys - player is not permitted to play. Report on game sheet.

What to do if not wearing correct shorts/socks – let them know you are issuing a warning, Note on your game sheet.

Equipment

THESE ARE SAFETY CONCERNS AND MUST BE ENFORCED. *Players are not permitted to play*

- **A player MUST wear shinguards.**
- Only molded soccer cleats or gym shoes (NO BASEBALL OR FOOTBALL CLEATS)
- No street glasses. Only safety sport type glasses or goggles.

Goal Inspection

Obtain coach signature on game sheet that goals have been inspected

Game Result

Record score and have coach initial on game sheet

3. Other Notes

The SLAUGHTER/SPORTSMANSHIP RULE **must** be enforced.

Roster Size - If a team is short players, the coaches must agree on either playing less players on the field or borrowing players between the teams. Either way the game must be played.

Opposing team no show – if this occurs the team can do a small sided game and you must stay to referee the scrimmage.

We do play in the rain. You may not call a game unless it is a weather related safety concern ie- storm/lightning

ASSISTANT REFEREE – Competitive Games

1. Arrive at the field 15 minutes before game time.
2. Dress appropriately. This includes an official referee jersey, black shorts/sweat pants and socks, and your current year referee patch. (In cold weather, layer under your official's jersey)
3. Be prepared. Bring all necessary equipment to games (whistle, flags, yellow and red cards, timer or stopwatch, pen or pencil, watch).
4. Assist center referee in pre-game procedures (checking players/rosters, field, goals, coin toss and pre-game conference).
5. In the event that the center referee is late or does not show, start the pre-game duties, including roster check. If center has not arrived by game time, start the game as scheduled.
6. Notify your assignor within 24 hours, if you have filled in for a center referee that did not show to a game. Complete the official game card and follow the instructions for mailing it in. You will be paid directly from the League, not from ESC.

Referee Assignor: Roberta – email: referees@elasoccer.com Cell: 847-833-4095.

Important: Always use the referees@elasoccer.com email when communicating with Roberta. This is the only email that is checked outside of office hours.