Danvers Indoor Sports

Soccer Referees - Information For Referees New To Us

Assignments

Assignments (shifts) can be found on the DIS website under both of these sports links

"Youth Sports" or "Adult Sports"

Once you hover over one of those, click on "Schedules", then click on "Referees Schedule". There will be a link to a PDF file, which shows the referee shifts for all fields for an entire week.

You are expected to come in for your assigned game about 15 minutes before the start of your shift. There may be traffic delays on Route 114 and sometimes it is difficult to find a parking spot.

When you first arrive, check in with the office staff and let them know your name, the start time of your shift, the end time of your shift, and what field you are on.

Find out if your shift involves the first game on that field

Are there soccer balls on the field ?

During your shift, will you need a different soccer ball from what you start with ?

Find out where the soccer ball bag is for your field

Is there at least one league schedule sheet at the field, most likely on a clipboard ?

Is the scoreboard clock already counting down to the end of the warm up time ?

Is the score on the scoreboard showing zero for both teams ?

Is your field on a "compressed time schedule" ?

General Expectations when you are here

You must have something to write down the score on the appropriate league schedule score sheet.

You must be familiar with how to find the two teams involved in each game you referee and record their score correctly on the league schedule. Please note that sometimes your shift will involve games that are on different league schedule sheets.

You must have a watch to make sure you know what time of day it is. If your field is running behind, you are expected to catch up by strictly following the times for warm up and the half time rest periods - there is an additional 5 minutes in every game (except for the compressed game time situation).

Do you have your two minute card, a yellow card, and a red card on you before you start your first game ?

If you interact with any players, coaches, or spectators - you are to treat them with respect even if they "don't deserve it". Unreasonable behavior by those individuals is to be reported to the office staff (please know what team it is and their age group).

You are to dress and act like a referee as soon as you step into the building. The uniform, outer jacket, etc. makes you stand out in a crowd - be aware of that. Do not act in a manner that anyone could interpret as being favorable to one team or individual, nor should you act with disrespect towards anyone.

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What is different indoors ?

Scoreboard remotes

There is a remote for the scoreboard clock which you must know how to operate (set the time, stop the time, update a score, correct a score, zero out scores, sound the buzzer). There is a document on the DIS website, on the Referees Schedule page, with directions on how to operate the OEM Scoreboard Remote.

For play on the un-boarded fields, there is an app for using the scoreboard.

Playing a player down

There are situations that require a two minute penalty (blue card), or a five minute penalty (yellow or red card). There are different rules as to when the guilty player can re-enter the game, if at all. There are some situations where a goalkeeper does not have to serve a two minute penalty.

Read the online rule book which is on the DIS website, under “About” and then “General Information”. Scroll down to the “Rules” section and look for the soccer ball and click it.

A listing of other differences

There is a document on the DIS website, on the Referees Schedule page that lists many other differences between indoor and outdoor soccer. It’s named

”The Differences Between Outdoor and Indoor Soccer”.

With any of the above rules, if you don’t have the rule book or you don’t fully understand how the rule is to be interpreted and enforced (i.e. what is the restart, is there a card involved) discuss this with the assignor or a fellow referee that you know understands how the facility wants this to be treated.

One thing that brings frustration to a coach, player, or spectator is having different referees interpreting or enforcing a rule in a different way. As with any referee relationship (with a player, with a coach) we all need to be mindful of not creating un-necessary conflict. Calling the game in a very different way from other referees here can cause that.