



# Referees.

## Appointment Of Referees

- A Referee may be appointed by the Nepean District Soccer Referees Association.
- All teams must have somebody who is prepared to referee the game.
- If there is no referee attending, then the team managers of both teams shall mutually appoint an unofficial referee. The team managers of both teams must endorse the team sheet agreeing to the unofficial referee **BEFORE** the game commences. Should there be no agreement and the game is not played, the team managers and captains of both teams, together with a member of the Club executive committee, shall attend the MC meeting at NDSFA.

## Unofficial Referees

### Information for People Acting As Unofficial Referees or Assistant Referees

A person taking the field as an Unofficial Referee has obligations to fulfill, and rights to use, to control the game. These obligations and rights are the same as an Official Referee that is appointed by the Nepean District Soccer Referees Association Inc.

#### **The obligations are:-**

- Prior to the start of the game, receive the Team Sheet for that game.
- Be the sole timekeeper of the game.
- Control on-field play when incidents such as hand balls or poor tackles occur, and award free kicks and penalties when appropriate.
- Make a note of the swapping of player's number should a player change shirts.
- At the end of the game, enter the score on the Team Sheet.
- Complete an Incident Report and hand it to the Home Team Club or Club hosting the Neutral Field game if a Send-Off (Red Card offence) is given during the game. The Club shall forward the Incident Report to the correct contacts once they are completed.

#### **The rights are:-**

- You have the same rights as an Official Referee, and should be shown the same courtesy by players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Should spectators become unruly, you have the right to approach the marshals and ask for those spectators, including Team Manager or Coach, if involved, to be removed from the ground.
- You can issue warnings to players telling them to control their behaviour on the field. These warnings can be backed up with the issuing of yellow or red cards. Clubs have these cards available for any Unofficial Referee to use.
- Send a player from the field of play on a straight red card offence if you deem the incident worthy of a red card. You do not have to tolerate any verbal or physical threats.
- A person assisting either an Official or Unofficial Referee is responsible for calling when the ball is out of play by crossing the sideline and indicating to the Referee which team is to take the throw-in. **Note** - A ball has to fully cross the line before it is deemed to be out of play.

#### **Reference: NDSFA**

**Club By-Laws**

**Club Handbook**

**Handbook for Coaches and Managers**