

Impact United Recreation Referee Information Packet

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Referee Levels and Minimum Requirements:

RECREATION REFEREE

- Must be at minimum age 12.
- Must have and always conduct oneself with a positive and professional attitude.
- Must be able to work Saturdays.
- Must attend Club Recreation Referee Clinic at the beginning of each season.
- Pass Recreation Referee test with **minimum 75%**
(HINT: ALL answers are in the **Recreation Referee Training Course Handout**)

Recreation Referee Costs:

- Clinic Fee: None
- Uniform fee: None – Referee Shirt and whistle provided

ADVANCED RECREATION REFEREE

- Must be at minimum age 13.
- Must have been a Recreation Referee for 1 year (2 seasons).
- Attend Recreation Referee Clinic & Pass Recreation Referee test with **minimum 90%**
(HINT: ALL answers are in the **Recreation Referee Training Course Handout**)
- Complete All US Soccer online modules: **US Soccer Referee Course Videos**
- Attend Advanced Recreation Referee Clinic (2 hours) (Only offered prior to the Spring Season.)

Advanced Recreation Referee Costs:

- Clinic Fee: None
- Uniform fee: None – Referee Shirt and whistle provided
- Qualification for the Advanced Recreation Referee level is only done in the Spring Season.

Referee Assignor:

You will be placed with a referee assignor who will work with you all season. They will rely heavily on your availability that you enter in our Referee Assignment Program - assignr.com. Please be accurate, timely and responsible in your entries. If you have any questions, please contact your referee assignor.

General information:

- **Recreation Referee level must attend the Basic Clinic at the beginning of each season. Advanced Recreation Referees will need to attend both the Basic Clinic & Advanced Clinic yearly to be certified to referee.**
- Referees must be at least one year older than the age group they are refereeing, except when AR (lines) for U14/U18 games.

- Once you have accepted a game to referee it is your responsibility to be at the correct field, on time, and ready to go. We are counting on you!
- All games MUST be scheduled by an Impact United Referee Assignor. Do not call another referee to take a game that you have been scheduled to referee.
- Referee Cancellations: If it is past Thursday and you are scheduled to referee a game on Saturday of that week you are required to be at that game. If you cannot referee that game you must contact your referee coordinator and speak to him/her directly. You cannot send an e-mail, text or leave a voice mail. You will be expected to referee the game you are scheduled for until you have spoken with your coordinator.

Game Day:

- Prior to arriving at the field know the age specific times & rules for your game
- Arrive at field at least **10 minutes prior to game time** and begin to check players in as soon as possible. Inspects players' shin guards (mandatory), footwear (no baseball or football cleats) and jewelry (medical alert bracelets only).
- Games MUST begin on time. Teams can start the game short of players and add them as they arrive. If a game starts late, shorten each half equally so that it will end on time and let each coach know how long the halves will be.
- Games MUST end on time. If the game begins late, the game must end on time. Emphasis on game start and end times for U8, U9 & U10: These game times are scheduled one hour apart. They each have (2) 25 minute halves and a 5 minute halftime. This only gives you 5 minutes between games. Please make sure you end games on time so the following game will start on time.
- Be prepared with shirt, whistle, coin, watch, water, sunscreen, rules of play grid, paper/pen/pencil.

During the Game – a.k.a. How to Avoid Complaints:

- Be clear and direct with signals and calls
- Blow your whistle LOUD and with confidence.
- Maintain proper positioning on the field. Be in the right place to make the call.
- Then...MAKE THE CALL.

Game Cancellations:

Coaches are required to contact the Referee Assignor at least one hour prior to the scheduled game time. The Referee Assignor will then contact you to inform of the cancellation.

If a game is canceled and you are not given prior notification, and you show up to work, you will still be paid.

Pay:

- You will be paid one check at the end of the season.
- Make sure that your address in Assignr.com is correct – we will mail your check to that address.
- Generally- you should receive your check 7-10 following the last game of the season.

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Modified Rules of Play: U8 – U18

	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U14 & U18
Maximum Team Size	10	10	12	12	12	12
Number of Players	6v6 (goalie + 5)	6v6 (goalie + 5)	8 v 8 (goalie + 7)	8 v 8 (goalie + 7)	8 v 8 (goalie + 7)	8 v 8 (goalie + 7)
Ball Size	#3	#4	#4	#4	#4	#5
Size of Field (yds)	30 x 50	40 x 60	40 x 70	45 x 70	50 x 80	55 x 90
Size of goals	5' x 10'	5' x 10'	Full	Full	Full	Full
Game Length	(2) 25 min. halves	(2) 25 min. halves	(2) 25 min. halves	(2) 30 min. halves	(2) 30 min. halves	(2) 35 min. halves
Halftime Break	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.
Referees	1 Referee	2 Referee System	2 Referee System	2 Referee System	2 Referee System	Center Referee 2 Asst. Referees (Line)
Offside	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kickin/Throwin	Throwin	Throwin	Throwin	Throwin	Throwin	Throwin
Direct Free Kicks	IFK only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Penalty Kicks	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slide Tackle Allowed?	No. IFK for Dangerous Play	No. IFK for Dangerous Play	No. IFK for Dangerous Play	Yes	Yes	Yes

- For Indirect Free Kicks (IFKs) and Direct Free Kicks (DFKs), opposing players must be a distance away of at least one tenth the field length.
- Substitutions for U8 are at any stoppage of play.
- Substitutions for U9 – U18 are at:
 - 1) Own possession throwin
 - 2) Any goal kick
 - 3) Any kickoff
 - 4) Any injury

Referee Uniform and Equipment

The Impact United Referee uniform consists of a yellow Impact United referee shirt and black shorts or pants. If the weather is cold, wear your referee shirt OVER your jacket or coat.

There are additional items you will need at EVERY game:

- your whistle
- a watch
- copy of age specific rules grid
- a quarter or flipping coin to determine field side and ball possession
- water bottle
- Sunscreen

Center referees will also bring flags for Assistant Referee (Line) use in U14 & U18 games.

Observation

Referee Coordinators will observe several games throughout the season. Please be prepared to accept constructive feedback without becoming defensive. Maintain a positive, professional attitude through all discussions.

Referee Code

- Study the game of soccer.
- Know the laws and the rules.
- Attend meetings, clinics, seminars.
- Be professional; i.e. On time, in proper uniform, prepared, fit.
- Show respect to players, coaches, parents and spectators.
- Know and use proper procedures.
- Explain the rules when needed.
- Help less experienced referees.
- Take each game seriously.
- Smile, enjoy the game.
- Always remain calm.
- Be neutral.
- Be firm, fair and honest.
- Be consistent.
- Implement good management techniques.
- Show courage and confidence; avoid arrogance.
- Accept only the number and level of assignments that can be done well.
- Seek evaluation from coaches/players.
- Be assessed regularly.
- Play the game to better understand it.