

SSI Youth Referee Checklist



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| Before leaving home | <p>Referee Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jersey ✓ Shorts ✓ Socks ✓ Cleats / Black Shoes <p>Other Apparel (Be prepared for the weather)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Under Armor (and/or other layers) ✓ Sweat Jacket and Pants (if needed) ✓ Raingear (if needed) ✓ Hat (black, no insignia if possible) ✓ Sunglasses (if needed) <p><i>Try to wear outer clothing when going to the game and then display uniform at the field. Remember uniform must be worn on the outside. On cold and rainy weather, full sleeve undershirt or jacket can be worn underneath the uniform.</i></p> <p>Pre-Game Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Game Information ✓ Partner's Name ✓ Field Map & Directions ✓ Transportation to/from field ✓ Game Formats and age-specific local rules (ball size, number of minutes in the quarter/half, substitution rules, etc.) ✓ SSI Rules can be found at www.suffolksoccer.org | <p>Referee Gear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whistle (+spare) ✓ Watch (+spare) ✓ Coin (+spare) ✓ Cards (yellow/red) ✓ Pad & Pencil ✓ Duffle ✓ Flags <p>Personal Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Water (lots) ✓ Sunscreen ✓ Snacks/Lunch ✓ Tissues ✓ Hand Wipes ✓ Ball Pump ✓ Towel(in case of rain) ✓ Extra Shoes(in case of rain) ✓ Large Plastic bag (in case of rain) <p>Just before you walk out the door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check Email & Messages ✓ Director of Referee Contact Info ✓ Check Weather, and dress for it ✓ Depart on time to arrive 15 minutes before game time |
| Before the game begins | <p>Set yourself up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Place for your bag ✓ Stretch and warm-up ✓ Find and introduce yourself to your partner ✓ Review rules & responsibilities with partner <p>Checking the Field (Safety First)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check the field is properly marked ✓ Check that the corner flags are in place ✓ Check that there are no hazards, holes, debris or any dangerous conditions ✓ Check that goals are adequately anchored ✓ Check that the nets are secure <p><i>If issues with any of the above it is the coaches responsibility to correct</i></p> <p>Player/Team Check-in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ US Club Rosters and passcards from the coaches (The referee will hold roster/passes until the end of the match.) <p>Check passes (Teams/players/coaches CANNOT play without proper passcard)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Passcard must have photo & be laminated ✓ Date of passcard must not have expired ✓ Player has proper Date of Birth for that Age Division (ie. Players cannot play down) <p><i>Check equipment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cleats, Shin Guards ✓ Uniforms – tucked in shorts (On cold days, players can wear jackets) ✓ Keeper can wear slacks ✓ (NO Jewelry or ear studs, bracelets for religious reasons can be worn but must be taped) | <p>Introduce yourself to the Coaches</p> <p><i>Please verify:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teams (home and away) ✓ No conflicting colors, including referees and goal keeper jerseys ✓ Start time ✓ Duration of game ✓ Length of half time intermission is 5 minutes ✓ Any rule modifications such as substitutions and direct kicks. <p>Start of the game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ When ready to start, proceed to center circle with game ball then call for and introduce captains ✓ Administer coin flip (write down result) Visiting team calls it. Winner chooses side or to kick off. If the winner chooses to kick off, the losing team has the choice of sides. ✓ Silently count players, determine all are ready ✓ Signal start of play, start your watch |
| During the game | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Loud whistle, strong arm signals, clear voice. ✓ Bring play under control early ✓ Do not be afraid to issue a yellow/red card especially any dissent shown by the coach to the referee ✓ Treat all injuries as serious ✓ Have FUN | |
| After the game | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Referees are encouraged to submit a SSI Game Evaluation/Incident Report(http://www.suffolksoccer.org/SSI-GameEvaluation-Incident.html) after each match. Any incidents require that a report be filed. Incidents include, but not limited to: <i>Team ran up the score, Illegal player used, Team did not play match; Red/Yellow card was shown.</i> ✓ Any Cards (Red/Yellow) issued in an SSI Interleague match must be reported with the details describing the issuance of the card with passcard # of player/coach. <p>NOTE: For any report regarding a coach's unsportsmanlike conduct or verbal abuse to the referee, the referee MUST have issued a card.</p> | |